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M. W. BRO. DANIEL FRASER MACWATT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND
LODGE OF

Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD AT

*North Toronto on the 27th October, 1908; at Hamilton
on the 19th June, 1909: at Carp on the 23rd
June 1909: at Toronto on the 3rd July, 1909
and at Peterborough on the 9th
July, 1909*

ALSO

FIFTY-FOURTH
Annual Communicaton

HELD AT THE CITY OF LONDON

ON THE

21st and 22nd July A.D. 1909 A.L. 5909



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Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the Town of North Toronto, on
Tuesday, the 27th day of October, A.D. 1908,
A.L. 5908.*

Present :

M.W.Bro. A. T. Freed	Grand Master.
R. W.Bro. James Haywood	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.Bro. Henry Taylor	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W.Bro. R. W. Hull.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W.Bro. D. Rose	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W.Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. W. S. Dalby.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W.Bro. Jos. Madden	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W.Bro. E. E. Graham.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W.Bro. John Hoodless	as G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
W.Bro. Edmund Barber	G. Supt. of Works.
R. W.Bro. D. C. Ratcliffe.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W.Bro. E. Finlay	as Grand Registrar.
W.Bro. W. Bates	as Grand Organist.
W.Bro. Townley	} as Grand Stewards.
W.Bro. Lennox	
W.Bro. Davis	
W.Bro. Giles	
W.Bro. T. Scott	
W.Bro. W. F. Randall.....	} as Grand Tyler.
Bro. W. W. Edwards.....	

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Hall.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, a procession was formed under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site

in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe

On the 27th day of October, A.D. 1908, A.L. 5908, and the eighth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency, the Right Hon. EARL GREY, G.C.M.G., being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, JOHN MORISON GIBSON, K.C., LL.D., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. SIR JAMES P. WHITNEY, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

JOHN FISHER, Esq., being Mayor of the Town of North Toronto.

M. W. Bro. A. T. FREED, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. JAMES HAYWOOD, being District Deputy Grand Master, of the Toronto West District, No. 11.

W. Bro. FRED. W. GOULDING, being Worshipful Master of York Lodge, No. 156, G.R.C., Eglinton.

The York Masonic Hall Company Board of Directors; V. W. Bro.

C. C. NORRIS, President; R. W. Bro. R. W. HULL, First

Vice-President; R. W. Bro. J. FISHER, Second

Vice-President; W. Bro. G. McLEISH, W. Bro. A. J.

BROWN, Bros. R. LENNOX, W. J. HILL, E.

COATH, V. W. Bro. D. ROBERTSON, Secretary

and Treasurer; W. Bro. J. W. SIDDALL,

Architect; W. Bro. R. J. GIBSON,

Solicitor.

This Corner Stone

Of the York Masonic Hall was laid by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, assisted by R. W. Bro. J. Fisher, and the Grand Lodge Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren, with the usual ceremonies and usages of the Order, which may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty. The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



R. B. Gunning
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the City of Hamilton on the 19th
day of June, A.D. 1909, A.L. 5909.*

Present :

M.W.Bro. A. T. Freed.....	Grand Master.
R. W.Bro. J. G. Liddell.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.Bro. P. A. Sommerville.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W.Bro. Wm. Forbes	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W.Bro. Rev. F. E. Howitt.....	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W.Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	as Grand Secretary.
R. W.Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.....	as Grand Registrar.
R. W.Bro. Rev. F. C. Harper.....	as Grand Chaplain.
V. W.Bro. Thos. E. Epps.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W.Bro. J. B. Nixon.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W.Bro. John Hoodless	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W.Bro. Edmund Barber	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W.Bro. James Old	} as Grand Stewards.
V. W.Bro. W. H. Easterbrooke....	
V. W.Bro. Chas. Lemon	
V. W.Bro. R. M. Stuart.....	} bearing vessels with corn, wine and oil.
W.Bro. A. C. Cummins.....	
W.Bro. W. R. Woodland.....	
W.Bro. J. G. Dun.....	} bearing the Corinthian column.
W.Bro. W. Harvey	
W.Bro. B. Griffin	
W.Bro. R. H. Cowan.....	bearing the Ionic column.
W.Bro. A. C. Crisp.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Wm. Tocher	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock p.m. by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner-stone of the new Young Women's Christian Association building.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, a procession was formed under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone :

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe

On the 19th day of June, A.D. 1909, A.L. 5909, and the ninth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

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His Honor, JOHN MORISON GIBSON, K.C., LL.D., being
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G.C.M.G., P.C.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

Hon. SIR JAMES PLINY WHITNEY, K.C., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

SAMUEL BARKER, Esq., K.C., being Member for Hamilton East
in the Parliament of Canada.

THOMAS J. STEWART, Esq., being Member for Hamilton West
in the Parliament of Canada.

Hon. JOHN S. HENDRIE, being Member for Hamilton West in
the Legislature of Ontario.

Mr. ALLAN STUDHOLME, being Member for Hamilton East in
the Legislature of Ontario.

Mr. JOHN I. McLAREN, being Mayor of the City of Hamilton.

M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, being Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. DANIEL F. MACWATT, being Deputy Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. EDWARD FINLAY, being District Deputy Grand
Master of the Hamilton District, No. 8.

The following, being officers for the Hamilton Young Women's Christian Association:

Hon. President.
Miss E. A. Smith

President
Mrs. R. Wolfkill

Vice-Presidents

1st—Mrs. James Harrison.
2nd—Mrs. A. McLagan.

3rd—Mrs. S. O. Grening.
4th—Mrs. J. Orr Callaghan.

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Mrs. J. H. Henderson

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Rec. Secretary
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Corresponding Secretary
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Mrs. Alfred Ward
Mrs. J. P. MacLeod.
Miss Olive Copp
Dr. Eliz. Bagshaw

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Mr. J. Orr Callaghan (Chairman), Mrs. J. W. Morden, Mrs. S. H. Alexander, Mr. W. A. Robinson, Mr. Geo. H. Milne.

Trustees of Building Fund

Mr. Henry New (President), Mr. C. B. Linton (Secretary-Treasurer), Mr. W. H. Wardrope (Treasurer pro tem), Mr. W. A. Robinson, Mr. Cyrus Birge, Mrs. R. Wolfkill.

Advisory Board

Mr. W. A. Robinson, Mr. J. H. Smith, Mr. F. W. Watkins, Mr. W. J. Waugh, Mr. T. F. Best, Mr. W. H. Wardrope, Mr. Geo. H. Milne, Mr. J. Orr Callaghan, Mr. H. L. Frost.

Solicitor
S. F. Lazier, K.C.

Auditor
Mr. Walter Anderson

This Corner Stone

was laid by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of the brethren and citizens of the City of Hamilton.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity beneath the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M. W. Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



R. H. Gurney
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, at the Village of North March, in the County of Carleton, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of June, A.D. 1909, A.L. 5909.

Present :

R.W.Bro. S. S. Davidson.....	as	Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. George S. May.....	as	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. S. A. Luke.....	as	Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Rev. C. O. Carson.....	as	Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Rev. P. W. Anderson...	as	Grand Chaplain.
W.Bro. E. J. McCleery.....	as	Grand Treasurer.
W.Bro. T. E. Argue.....	as	Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. J. E. Wilmot.....	as	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.Bro. Geo. Gow	as	Grand Junior Deacon.
R.W.Bro. John C. Scott.....	as	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
W.Bro. R. T. Richardson.....	as	Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
W.Bro. J. H. Slack.....	as	Asst. Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. W. D. Monk.....	as	Grand Organist.
W.Bro. Adam Greene	as	Asst. Grand Organist.
W.Bro. J. A. Ewart.....	as	Grand Supt. of Works
W.Bro. C. F. Magee.....	as	Grand Steward.
W.Bro. J. McC. Argue.....	as	Grand Steward.
W.Bro. E. Daubney	as	Grand Steward.
W.Bro. Thomas Greene	as	Grand Steward.
W.Bro. Albert Bradley	as	Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. A. H. Acres.....	as	Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form, at the Village of Carp, at 8.30 a.m., by R. W. Bro. S. S. Davidson, as Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner-stone of the new St. Mary's (Anglican) Church.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge

was called off, a procession was formed under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone :

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe

On the 23rd day of June, A.D. 1909, A.L. 5909, and the ninth
year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, KING,
Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency, the Right Hon. ALBERT HENRY GEORGE,
EARL GREY, G.C.M.G., Viscount Howick and Baron Grey of
Howick, Northumberland, Governor-General of the
Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, JOHN MORISON GIBSON, K.C., LL.D., being
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C.,
D.C.L., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

Hon. SIR JAMES P. WHITNEY, K.C., Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

Mr. EDWARD KIDD, being Member for the County of Carleton
in the Parliament of Canada.

Mr. ROBERT H. McELROY, being Member for the County of
Carleton in the Legislature of the Province of Ontario.

Mr. ALEXANDER DOW, being Warden of the County of Carleton.
His Grace, the Right Rev. CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., D.C.L.,
Bishop of Ottawa and Archbishop of Canada.

The Rev. GEORGE EDWIN WEAGANT, being Rector of the
Church.

M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, being Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of
Ontario.

R. W. Bro. DANIEL F. MACWATT, being Deputy Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. S. S. DAVIDSON, being District Deputy Grand Master
of the Ottawa District, No. 16.

This Corner Stone

was laid by R. W. Bro. S. S. Davidson, acting as Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of North March and surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity beneath the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in form.



R. H. Gumm
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the City of Toronto on Saturday, the
3rd day of July, A.D. 1909, A.L. 5909.*

Present :

M.W.Bro. A. T. Freed.....	Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. F. G. Inwood.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. W. R. Cavell.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. J. W. Watson.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.Bro. A. J. Anderson.....	as Grand Treasurer.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	Grand Secretary.
R.W.Bro. Donald Ross	as Grand Registrar.
R.W.Bro. Rev. F. C. Harper.....	Grand Chaplain.
W.Bro. W. J. Sheppard.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W.Bro. W. H. Woodstock.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W.Bro. R. B. Griffith.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
R.W.Bro. H. A. Taylor.....	as Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.W.Bro. J. H. Macabe.....	Asst. Grand Secretary.
V.W.Bro. Edmund Barber	Grand Supt. of Works.
W.Bro. W. Wilby	as Grand Steward.
R.W.Bro. G. W. Clendennan.....	as Grand Steward.
W.Bro. R. L. McCormack.....	as Grand Steward.
W.Bro. F. Ferguson	as Grand Steward.
W.Bro. W. L. Joy.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W.Bro. T. E. Hoar.....	} bearing vessels with corn, wine and oil.
W.Bro. J. T. Jackson.....	
W.Bro. W. R. Woodill.....	
W.Bro. G. Carruthers	bearing Corinthian column.
W.Bro. E. Repath	bearing Doric column.
W.Bro. A. B. Moffatt.....	bearing Ionic column.
W.Bro. J. A. Ellis.....	Builder.
W.Bro. P. T. Lee.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W.Bro. R. E. Porte.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock p.m. by the M. W. Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand

Lodge was called to assist him in laying the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple at West Toronto.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, a procession was formed under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

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Hon. SIR JAMES PLINY WHITNEY, K.C., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

EDMUND BOYD OSLER, being Member for West Toronto in the
Parliament of Canada.

Hon. THOMAS CRAWFORD and WILLIAM D. MACPHERSON,
being Members for West Toronto in the Legislature of Ontario

JOSEPH OLIVER, being Mayor of Toronto.

M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, being Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of
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R. W. Bro. DANIEL F. MACWATT, being Deputy Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. JAMES HAYWOOD, being District Deputy Grand
Master of the Toronto West District, No. 11.

Officials of the West Toronto Masonic Temple, Limited: Henry C.
Fowler (President), A. J. Anderson (Vice-President), Allan B.

Rice (Secretary-Treasurer), J. S. Hill, J. T. Jackson, Wm.

J. Sheppard, Wm. D. Thomas and John T. McMulkin,
being Directors.

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PROCEEDINGS

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A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the City of Peterborough on Friday,
the 9th day of July, A.D. 1909, A.L. 5909.*

Present :

M.W.Bro. John E. Harding.....	as	Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. W. Miller	as	Past Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. R. E. Wood.....	as	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. B. Shortly	as	Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Alex. Gibson	as	Grand Junior Warden.
V.W.Bro. J. J. Lundy.....	as	Grand Treasurer.
R.W.Bro. W. H. Walkey.....	as	Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. T. E. Bradburn.....	as	Grand Registrar.
R.W.Bro. Rev. W. L. Armitage..	as	Grand Chaplain.
R.W.Bro. Hy. Rush	as	Dist. Deputy Grand Master.
W.Bro. R. A. Morrow.....	as	Grand Senior Deacon.
V.W.Bro. R. J. Winch.....	as	Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W.Bro. H. C. Winch.....	as	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.W.Bro. R. J. Munro.....	as	Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies
W.Bro. R. Nugent	as	Asst. Grand Secretary.
V.W.Bro. D. Spence	as	Grand Supt. of Works.
W.Bro. J. Crane	as	Grand Organist.
W.Bro. W. Stocker	as	Asst. Grand Organist.
W.Bro. R. G. Kingan.....	as	Grand Standard Bearer.
W.Bro. D. H. Burritt.....	as	Grand Standard Bearer.
W.Bro. G. I. Roszel.....	as	Grand Sword Bearer.
W.Bro. A. C. Herridge.....	}	as Grand Stewards.
W.Bro. R. Logan		
W.Bro. W. J. Martin.....		
W.Bro. T. N. Greer.....		
W.Bro. H. Nesbitt		
W.Bro. G. S. Cameron.....		
W.Bro. R. W. McFadden.....		
W.Bro. T. Essery	}	bearing vessels with corn, wine and oil.
W.Bro. E. A. Peck.....		
W.Bro. W. G. Morrow.....		
W.Bro. W. Hill		bearing Corinthian column.
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W.Bro. M. A. Morrison.....		bearing Ionic column.
W.Bro. R. F. Morrow.....		Builder.
W.Bro. T. A. S. Hay.....		as Grand Pursuivant.
W.Bro. E. E. Lord.....		as Grand Tyler.
W.Bro. W. F. Johnston.....		

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 7 o'clock p.m. by M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, P.G.M., who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of assisting him to lay the corner-stone of All Saints' Church (Anglican), in the City of Peterborough.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, a procession was formed under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

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Hon. SIR JAMES PLINY WHITNEY, K.C., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

Hon. J. R. STRATTON, being Member for Peterborough West in
the Parliament of Canada.

J. A. SEXSMITH, being Member for Peterborough East in the
Parliament of Canada.

T. E. BRADBURN, being Member for Peterborough West in the
Legislature of Ontario.

JOHN THOMPSON, being Member for Peterborough East in the
Legislature of Ontario.

HENRY RUSH, being Mayor of Peterborough.

M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, being Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. DANIEL F. MACWATT, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. A. H. C. LONG, being District Deputy Grand Master of Otonabee District, No. 20.

Right Rev. JAMES FIELDING SWEENEY, being Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto.

Rev. H. R. TRUMPOUR, being Rector of All Saints' Church.

J. EDGAR and J. HOGAN, being Churchwardens.

This Corner Stone

of All Saints' Church was laid by M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Acting Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the City of Peterborough and surrounding District.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity beneath the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty. The procession was re-formed, and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



R. L. Gurney
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At the Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the
Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario, held in the City of London,
commencing Wednesday, the 21st day of July,
A.D. 1909, A.L. 5909.*

There were Present:

THE GRAND MASTER.

M. W. Bro. Augustus Toplady Freed, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt.

R.W.Bro. E. E. Fraser.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. J. C. Bartram.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Rev. F. C. Harper.....	Grand Chaplain.
M.W.Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C....	Grand Treasurer.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	Grand Secretary.
R.W.Bro. D. Rutherford	Grand Registrar.
V.W.Bro. Thos. E. Epps.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
V.W.Bro. Allan Cameron	Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W.Bro. W. H. Hutchinson....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.W.Bro. Wm. Oldham	Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.W.Bro. Thos. Pedler	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
V.W.Bro. Edmund Barber	Grand Supt. of Works.
V.W.Bro. J. G. Constable.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V.W.Bro. H. Carl Jones.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V.W.Bro. Francis Patterson	} Grand Stewards.
V.W.Bro. Geo. Drewry	
V.W.Bro. D. M. Grant.....	
W.Bro. John Robertson	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R.W.Bro. Geo. W. Moody.....	Erie	District No.	1
“ S. E. Cornell.....	St. Clair	“	2
“ J. W. Metherrall.....	London	“	3
“ R. E. Cooper.....	South Huron	“	4
“ J. J. Foster.....	North Huron	“	5
“ Robert Gaunt	Wilson	District No.	6
“ F. W. Randall.....	Wellington	“	7
“ E. C. Campbell.....	Georgian	“	9

"	J. Dew. Randall.....	Niagara	"	10
"	James Haywood	Toronto W.	"	11
"	J. S. Lovell.....	Toronto E.	"	11a
"	Jos. White	Ontario	"	12
"	John Newton	Prince Edward	"	13
"	A. B. Carscallen.....	Frontenac	"	14
"	W. T. Hands.....	St. Lawrence	"	15
"	S. S. Davidson.....	Ottawa	"	16
"	Fred. Symes	Algoma	"	17
"	A. C. Rorabeck.....	Nipissing	"	18
"	J. H. Metcalfe.....	Muskoka	"	19
"	A. H. C. Long.....	Otonabee	"	20
"	Rev. C. O. Carson.....	Eastern	"	21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES. FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M.W.Bro. J. Ross Robertson.....	England.
R.W.Bro. A. J. Young.....	Alberta.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	British Columbia.
R.W.Bro. D. D. Campbell.....	New South Wales.
R.W.Bro. Geo. S. May.....	Queensland.
M.W.Bro. J. H. Burritt.....	South Australia.
R.W.Bro. W. D. McPherson.....	Victoria.
R.W.Bro. A. E. Cooper.....	Belgium.
M.W.Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Brazil.
M.W.Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Connecticut.
R.W.Bro. G. H. Clendennan.....	Florida.
R.W.Bro. W. Geo. Eakins.....	Hungary.
V.W.Bro. J. H. Flock.....	Idaho.
R.W.Bro. Abraham Shaw	Illinois.
M.W.Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr.....	Indiana.
R.W.Bro. D. F. Macwatt.....	Louisiana.
R.W.Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite....	Maine.
R.W.Bro. Aubrey White	Maryland.
M.W.Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Minnesota.
M.W.Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr	Missouri.
R.W.Bro. F. W. Harcourt.....	Nebraska.
V.W.Bro. J. A. Cowan.....	New Hampshire.
M.W.Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr	New Jersey.
R.W.Bro. Wm. Rea	New Mexico.
M.W.Bro. A. T. Freed.....	New York.
R.W.Bro. John Hoodless	North Carolina.
R.W.Bro. D. B. Burch.....	Ohio.
R.W.Bro. J. G. Liddell.....	Oklahoma.
R.W.Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Peru.

R.W.Bro. W. R. Cavell.....Rhode Island.
 M.W.Bro. E. T. Malone.....South Dakota.
 R.W.Bro. Jas. McLachlanTennessee.
 M.W.Bro. Hon. J. K. KerrTexas.
 M.W.Bro. Hon. J. K. KerrUtah.
 R.W.Bro. S. A. Luke.....Vermont.
 R.W.Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.....Washington.
 M.W.Bro. John E. Harding.....West Virginia.
 R.W.Bro. Henry RushWisconsin.

The above named Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master and were accorded Grand Honors.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, Hon. J. K. Kerr, J. Ross Robertson, E. T. Malone, J. E. Harding, J. H. Burritt.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters.—R. W. Bros. J. G. Bottomley, John Hoodless, W. J. Drope, William Forbes, Donald Ross, J. A. Tancock, Aubrey White, W. G. Eakins, F. W. Harcourt, R. L. Gunn, D.B. Simpson, G. S. May, S. A. Luke, Jas. McLachlan, W. T. Toner, A. Shaw, William Jackson, W. H. Walkey, James Ross, F. Guest, J. G. Liddell, W. N. Ponton, George Malcolm, R. W. Longmore, G. A. Aylesworth, William Rea, W. G. Stephenson, P. W. D. Broderick, S. S. Clutton, T. D. Minnes, R. Mahoney, S. McWhorter, J. E. Francis, W. D. McPherson, Isaac Huber, R. F. O'Neil, J. B. Way, A. J. Anderson, J. B. Nixon, Geo. T. Martin, Jos. Beck, W. F. Miller, F. G. Inwood, E. M. Carleton, D. B. Burch, J. W. Dutton, J. F. Graham, Geo. Sutherland, L. H. Dickson, E. E. C. Kilmer, J. P. Rankin, John Smith, D. B. Miller, D. D. Campbell, John Jardine, A. Jardine, R. L. Guest, A. Thoman, W. H. Wright, J. A. Macfadden, E. J. B. Duncan, A. J. Whitby, Jas. Whitten, G. H. Pettit, G. F. Morris, D. F. Webster, R. F. O'Neil, James Walmsley, A. H. Clark, R. H. Revell, C. W. Haentschel, E. Fitzgerald, Wm. Williamson, A. J. Young, R. R. Hopkins, J. A. V. Preston, R. H. Arthur.

Past Grand Senior Wardens.—R. W. Bros. W. G. Eakins, J. A. McLaughlin and H. A. Taylor.

Past Grand Junior Wardens.—R. W. Bros. A. H. Greer, O. Ellwood, P. A. Somerville, A. K. Wanless and H. T. White.

Past Grand Registrars.—R. W. Bros. J. C. Boyd, R. W. Hull and L. K. Cameron.

Past Grand Chaplains.—R. W. Bros. Rev. J. W. Hodgins, Rev. W. L. Baynes-Reed.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—V. W. Bros. C. W. Postlethwaite, J. G. Forgie.

Past Grand Junior Deacons.—V. W. Bros. Henry T. Smith, H. J. Charles, D. Robertson.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.—V. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.—V. W. Bros. E. W. M. Flock, A. J. Brown.

Past Grand Superintendent of Works.—V. W. Bro. E. Paull.

Past Grand Organists—V. W. Bros. Raymond Walker, A. G. Smyth, F. P. Warne.

Past Grand Stewards.—V. W. Bros. W. J. McAllister, A. Ellis, J. H. Flock, Alex. Morris, C. C. Norris, F. D. Diamond, D. Graham, F. Holwell, T. Pedler, N. Shaftley, F. A. Clark, R. S. McConkey.

Past Grand Standard Bearers.—V. W. Bros. J. H. Elliott, John Parsell.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, His Worship, Mr. Samuel Stevely, Mayor of the City of London, accompanied by Messrs. Ferguson and Fitzgerald, Aldermen, and Mr. Samuel Baker, City Clerk, was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and delivered the following address of welcome:

The City of London to Most Worshipful Bro. Augustus T. Freed,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir:

As Mayor of the City of London, I have much pleasure in extending to you and the Members of Grand Lodge a hearty welcome to London. The freedom of the City is yours with all its ancient privileges.

London is honored by its selection as the 1909 Communication place. Since 1855 when Sir Allan MacNab presided at the first Grand Lodge held here we have had several Communications and twice Londoners were elected Grand Master. The names of Moffatt and Hungerford are dear to the hearts of all the older Masons present. Some London lodges date further back than this Grand Lodge itself. Our invitation was sincerely given and we believe that London, being the Capital of Western Ontario, the fourth largest city in the Province, and unquestionably a most beautiful city of spacious parks, shady streets and happy homes, will prove your acceptance a wise one.

London with its eight Lodges is intensely Masonic. Within their portals are its representative citizens, merchant princes and ablest professional gentlemen. Truth, fidelity, justice and mercy, the tenets of Masonry, draw men within its folds.

Most Worshipful Sir, we have found you to be a worthy Mason and Grand Master. The purpose of this assembly of the best men of the Premier Province is to inculcate the fundamental and basic principles of national character—morality. If Ontario is to become the strong right arm of our great Empire, then Masonry must do its duty. As such I welcome you Most Worshipful Sir and Mem

bers of the Grand Lodge, and wish you a successful session and most enjoyable visit, and bespeak for you a royal welcome to the hearts and homes of good citizens and enthusiastic Masons.

S. BAKER,
Clerk.

S. STEVELY,
Mayor.

The Grand Master made a most suitable and gracious reply. He requested His Worship to assure the Council that the visit of the Grand Lodge to London would indeed be a pleasant one. "You have a beautiful city, and your hospitality is unbounded," said the Grand Master. "We were pleased to accept your invitation to come here, and we hope to come again." The deputation then withdrew.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10.20 o'clock a.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies from lodges, reported that there are 405 warranted lodges on the register; 240 are represented by the regular officers, 71 by proxy, and 26 by Past Masters; a total of 337 lodges represented; 68 lodges are not represented. There are 912 names registered, having a total of 1,536 votes. The following are the names of those present:

No. 2. Niagara, Niagara.

R. W. Bro. J. DeW. Randall and J. G. Bottomley, P. M's.

No. 3. Ancient St. John's, Kingston.

W. Bro. D. A. Givens, W. M.; Bro. A. R. R. Williamson, S. W.

No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.

W. Bro. B. E. Eck, W. M.

No. 6. Barton, Hamilton.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, G. M.; R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, W. Bros. Geo. Moore and G. H. Bull, P. M's.

No. 7.**Union, Grimsby.**

Bro. F. W. Pottenger, S. W. ; R. W. Bros. Wm. Forbes, W. J. Drope, W. Bros. C. T. Farrell, W. F. Randall, A. F. Hawke, H. F. Griffith, W. Cowan, W. W. Kidd, W. F. Clark and C. W. Harrison, P. M's.

No. 9.**Union, Napanee.**

W. Bro. H. A. Wood, W. M.

No. 10**Norfolk, Simcoe.**

W. Bro. C. F. Misner, W. M. ; Bro. L. F. Aitken, S. W. ; Bro. W. F. W. J. Schuyler, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd and W. Bro. T. R. Atkinson, P. M's.

No. 11.**Moir, Belleville.**

W. Bro. W. W. Anderson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. John Newton and W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, P. M's.

No. 14.**True Britons, Perth.**

Bro. O. Leslie, S. W. ; R. W. Bro. W. T. Hands, P. M.

No. 15**St. George's, St. Catharines.**

W. Bro. W. C. Burch, W. M.

No. 16.**St. Andrew's, Toronto.**

W. Bro. A. Maccoomb, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. S. Lovell, V. W. ; Bros. H. T. Smith, W. C. Wilkinson and W. Bros. John Pearson, R. W. Doan and J. W. Rogers, P. M's.

No. 17**St. John's, Coburg.**

W. Bro. James Gillard, W. M.

No. 18**Prince Edward, Picton.**

W. Bro. John Shaw, W. M., and R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, P. M.

No. 20.**St. John's, London.**

W. Bro. R. Booth, W. M. ; Bros. Jas. A. Calhoun, S. W. ; Fred J. Darch, J. W. and R. W. Bros. A. B. Greer, J. A. Tancock and O. Ellwood, W. Bros. J. O. Weldon, John Robertson, J. W. Marshall, M. D. Dawson, H. Dreany, J. J. Tambling, G. F. Miller, Thomas Rowe and D. W. Blackwell, P. M's.

No. 21a.**St. John's, Vankleek Hill.**

W. Bro. H. C. Jones, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 22.**King Solomon's, Toronto.**

W. Bro. Geo. Carruthers, W. M. ; Bro. John Tanner, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker and W. Bros. Wm. Anderson, S. Hollingworth, A. A. Davis, James McKerracher, Wm. Stinson, P. M's.

No. 23.**Richmond, Richmond Hill.**

W. Bro. W. H. Legg, W. M. ; W. Bros. T. Newton and P. J. Savage, P. M's.

- No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.**
R. W. G. T. Martin and W. Bro. F. C. Hagar, P. M's.
- No. 25 Ionic, Toronto.**
R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite, P. M. and Proxy; M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins and W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, P. M's.
- No. 26 Ontario, Port Hope.**
W. Bro. R. W. Smart, W. M.; R. W. Bro. A. H. C. Long, P. M.
- No. 27. Strict Observance, Hamilton.**
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 28. Mount Zion,, Kemptville.**
R. W. Bro. A. Langstaff, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 29. United, Brighton.**
W. Bro. A. D. Bullock, W. M., and W. Bro. G. Drewry, P. M.
- No. 30. Composite, Whitby.**
W. Bro. John Ard, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Jos. White and W. Bros. A. T. Lawler and J. J. Lynde, P. M's.
- No. 31. Jerusalem, Bowmanville.**
W. Bro. Frank Kidd, W. M.; Bro. F. F. Morris, S. W., and R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, P. M.
- No. 32. Amity, Dunnville.**
W. Bro. H. E. Arderlay, W. M.; Bro. J. C. Eccles, P. M.
- No. 33. Maitland, Goderich.**
W. Bro. W. S. Turnbull, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Jos. Beck, P. M.
- No. 34 Thistle, Amherstburg.**
W. Bro. C. R. Hackett, W. M.; W. Bros. A. W. March, W. T. Wilkinson, W. S. French, C. Christiansen and T. J. Harris, P. M's.
- No. 35. St. John's, Cayuga.**
W. Bro. S. D. McGovern, W. M.; Bro. A. C. Riley, S. W.; and W. Bros. E. S. Baxter and J. W. Shepherd, P. M's.
- No. 37. King Hiram, Ingersoll.**
Bro. W. Rigney, J. W., and W. Bros. Geo. Naylor, C. A. Choate, J. B. Coleridge, B. Patterson, J. M. Curry, P. M's.
- No. 38. Trent, Trenton.**
W. Bro. B. H. Siddall, W. M.; W. Bros. R. H. Spencer, and J. W. Crew, P. M's.
- No. 39. Mt. Zion, Brooklin.**
W. Bro. Jas. Moore, W. M.

No. 40. St. John's, Hamilton.

W. Bro. R. A. Thompson, W. M.; R. W. Bros. P. A. Sommerville, W. F. Miller, V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, W. Bros. W. M. Logan and J. F. Mercer, P. M's.

No. 41. St. George's, Kingsville.

W. Bro. B. S. Sheldon, W. M.

No. 42. St. George's, London.

W. Bro. S. P. Reynolds, W. M.; Bro. A. E. Dettinger, S. W.; Bro. E. W. G. Quartz, J. W.; V. W. Bro. A. Ellis; W. Bros Henry Hayman, S. Baker, William Skinner, B. W. Dawson, T. H. Luscombe, J. A. Nelles, H. Baptz and John Blanch, P. M's.

No. 43. King Solomon's, Woodstock.

W. Bro. D. C. Whitehead, W. M.; Bro. Geo. Dingwell, S. W.; W. Bros. T. E. West, James McMann, L. E. Edwards and J. S. McKay, P. M's.

No. 44. St. Thomas, St. Thomas.

W. Bro. F. W. Judd, W. M.; W. Bros. A. Leitch and John Midgley, P. M's.

No. 45. Brant, Brantford.

W. Bro. J. C. Montgomery, W. M.; W. Bros. W. Bentham and F. J. Calbeck, P. M's.

No. 46. Wellington, Chatham.

W. Bro. D. E. Russell, W. M.; Bro. J. W. Verrall, S. W.; Bro. W. A. Semple, J. W.; W. Bros. F. D. Laurie, A. J. MacGregor and Geo. Musson, P. M's.

No. 47. Great Western, Windsor.

W. Bro. John Norbury, W. M.; Bro. Fred. Reid, S. W.; and W. Bro. G. English, W. N. Gatfield, P. M's.

No. 48. Madoc, Madoc.

W. Bro. Alex. McGregor, W. M.; W. Bro. C. G. Young, P. M.

No. 50. Consecon, Consecon.

W. Bro. D. H. Rowe, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 52. Dalhousie, Ottawa.

W. Bro. J. R. Hill, W. M., R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, P. M.

No. 54. Vaughan, Maple.

W. Bro. J. A. Cameron, W. M.; W. Bros. H. C. Bailey, J. T. Saigeon, T. A. Cousins, T. H. Keyes, J. B. McLean, R. M. Hawden, J. J. Kaiser and David Johnson, P. M's.

- No. 56** **Victoria, Sarnia.**
W. Bro. A. E. Kaiser, W. M.; R. W. Bro. A. K. Wanless;
V. W. Bro. Wm. Oldham, W. Bros. W. R. Paul, P. T. McGibbon, A. E. McDonald and W. F. B. Colter, P. M's.
- No. 57** **Harmony, Binbrook.**
W. Bro. Bernard A. Smith, W. M.; W. Bro. D. G. McIlwraith, P. M.
- No. 58.** **Doric, Ottawa.**
W. Bro. C. W. Jeffery, W. M.; R. W. Bros. J. C. Bartram and S. A. Luke, P. M's.
- No. 61.** **Acacia, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, P. M. and Proxy; V. W. Bro. Thos. E. Epps, W. Bros. E. E. Linger and C. O. Nichol, P. M's.
- No. 63.** **St. John's, Carleton Place.**
W. Bro. D. H. McIntosh, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 64.** **Kilwinning, London.**
W. Bro. J. E. Johnson, W. M.; Bro. G. G. Steele, S. W.; Bro. F. Marshall, J. W.; V. W. Bros. J. H. Flock, E. W. M. Flock, W. Bros. C. C. Reed, Thos. Woodley, J. E. Keays, W. W. Gamage, J. S. Walker, S. F. Glass, Evans Davis and A. A. Campbell, P. M's.
- No. 65.** **Rehoboam, Toronto.**
W. Bro. C. W. Dill, W. M.; Bro. J. S. Young, S. W.
- No. 66** **Durham, Newcastle.**
W. Bro. A. W. McLeod, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 68.** **St. John's, Ingersoll.**
W. Bro. W. J. Peters, W. M.
- No. 69.** **Stirling, Stirling.**
W. Bro. W. R. Howson, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 72.** **Alma, Galt.**
W. Bro. T. F. Campbell, W. M.; W. Bro. M. A. Secord, P. M.
- No. 73.** **St. James, St. Mary's.**
W. Bro. John Hylands, W. M.; V. W. Bro. J. G. Constable, P. M.
- No. 74.** **St. James, S. Augusta.**
W. Bro. A. J. Bissell, W. M.; W. Bro. E. A. McKim, P. M.
- No. 75.** **St. John's, Toronto.**
R. W. Bro. J. H. McKinnon, P. M. and Proxy; R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, W. Bros. Alex. Fraser, H. S. King, C. E. Howarth, Spencer Love, P. M's.

- No. 76. Oxford, Woodstock.**
W. Bro. E. E. Dougall, W. M.; Bro. F. McQueen, J. W.;
R. W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, P. M.
- No. 77. Faithful Brethren, Lindsay.**
W. Bro. Robt. Nugent, W. M.; M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding,
W. Bro. F. A. McDiarmid, P. M's.
- No. 78. King Hiram, Tilsonburg.**
W. Bro. W. D. Robertson, W. M.
- No. 79. Simcoe, Bradford.**
W. Bro. T. W. W. Evans, P. M. and Proxy; R. W. Bro.
F. G. Inwood, W. Bro. G. O. Ogilvie, P. M's.
- No. 81. St. John's, Mt. Brydges.**
V. W. Bro. W. E. Sawyer, W. Bros. John Betts, C. E.
Bateman, G. B. Parrott, H. G. Lindsay, T. A. McEvoy and
F. G. Hixon, P. M's.
- No. 82. St. John's, Paris.**
W. Bro. Charles McCausland, W. M.; W. Bro. W. J. Logie,
P. M.; Bro. J. A. Sinclair, J. W.
- No. 83. Beaver, Strathroy.**
W. Bro. R. N. Trueman, W. M.; Bro. John Curry, S. W.;
R. W. Bro. Wm. Milner, and W. Bros. W. T. Cluff, J. H.
Argue, John Hurd, John Malton, Wm. Wilkinson, Jas. Fer-
guson, A. E. Hare, S. S. Donaldson, Geo. McBeth, H. C.
Pope, P. M's.
- No. 84. Clinton, Clinton.**
W. Bro. Geo. McLennan, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 86. Wilson, Toronto.**
W. Bro. E. B. Fletcher, W. M.; R. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton,
P. M.
- No. 87. Markham Union, Markham.**
W. Bro. J. B. Gould, P. M. and Proxy; W. Bros. James
Malcolm, T. A. Reesor, P. M's.
- No. 88. St. George's, Owen Sound.**
W. Bro. Gen. Manzies, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Jas. McLauch-
lan, V. W. Bro. A. Cameron, P. M's.
- No. 90. Manito, Collingwood.**
W. Bro. C. F. Stephens, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner,
P. M.
- No. 91. Colborne, Colborne.**
W. Bro. C. H. Fenton, W. M.
- No. 92. Cataraqui, Kingston.**
R. W. Bro. Wm. Jackson, P. M. and Proxy; R. W. Bro.
A. Shaw, W. Bro. Rich. Bunt, P. M's.
- No. 96. Corinthian, Barrie.**
W. Bro. W. Johnson, W. M.; R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt,
P. M.

- No. 97. Sharon, Queensville.**
W. Bro. S. Miller, W. M.; W. Bros. J. T. Power, W. G. Hill and J. J. Terry, P. M's.
- No. 99. Tuscan, Newmarket.**
W. Bro. C. H. R. Clark, W. M.; W. Bro. P. T. Lee,, P. M.
- No. 100. Valley, Dundas.**
W. Bro. Wm. Mount, W. M.
- No. 101. Corinthian, Peterborough.**
W. Bro. W. G. Morrow, W. M
- No. 103. Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.**
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W. Bro. J. W. Watts, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 373. Copestone, Welland.**
Bro. P. Rice, S. W.; R. W. Bro. G. H. Pettit, P. M.
- No. 376. Unity, Huntsville.**
W. Bro. H. E. Rice, W. M.; V. W. Bro. D. M. Grant, W. Bro. John McLeod, P. M's.
- No. 377. Lorne, Shelburne.**
W. Bro. A. E. Rosevear, W. M.; R. W. Bro. E. C. Campbell, P. M.
- No. 378. King Solomon's, London.**
W. Bro. Hugh McPherson, W. M.; Bro. C. T. Element, J. W.; W. Bros. John Hobbs, W. J. Element, A. M. Trick, J. T. McDougall, T. G. Davis, A. R. Galpin, R. Oke, G. A. Stilson, P. M's.
- No. 379. Middlesex, Bryanston.**
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- No. 380. Union, London.**
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- No. 383. Henderson, Winchester.**
W. Bro. W. J. Fraser, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 384. Alpha, Toronto.**
W. Bro. H. C. Scully, P. M. and Proxy; W. Bro. P. W. Rogers, P. M.; Bros. R. Walker, S. W.; W. R. Ledger J. W.

- No. 385. Spry, Beeton.**
W. Bro. Chas. Andrews, W. M.; Bro. C. Dunham, S. W.
- No. 386. McColl, West Lorne.**
W. Bro. J. A. Fuller, P. M. and Proxy; R. W. Bro. D. F. Webster, W. Bro. P. A. McVicar, P. M's.
- No. 387. Lansdowne, Lansdowne.**
W. Bro. E. R. Bradley, W. M.
- N. 388. Henderson, Ilderton.**
W. Bros. A. F. Barclay, T. H. Martin, Max Kohl, P. M's.
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W. Bro. J. B. Checkley, W. M.
- No. 391. Howard, Ridgetown.**
W. Bro. A. G. Kennedy, P. M.
- No. 393. Forest, Chesley..**
W. Bro. W. T. Ross, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 394. King Solomon's, Thamesford.**
W. Bro. J. W. Smith, W. M.; R. W. Bro. R. F. O'Neil, W. Bros. J. G. McNee, A. W. Morrison, V. W. Bro E. Patterson, W. Bros. Geo. Mills, D. McMillan, M. J. Morrison, P. M's.
- No. 395. Parvaim, Comber.**
V. Bro. A. J. Brown, P. M. and Proxy; W. Bro. T. Beattie, P. M.
- No. 396. Cedar, Wiarton.**
R. W. Bro. Jas. Walmsley, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 397. Leopold, Brigden.**
W. Bro. Jas. McDonald, W. M.; Bro. Andrew Wilson, J. W.; W. Bros. J. W. McDonald, F. R. Seager, P. M's.
- No. 400. Oakvile, Oakville.**
W. Bro. J. C. Ford, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 401. Craig, Deseronto.**
W. Bros. F. J. Frost, W. M.; Donald C. Ross, P. M.
- No. 402. Central, Essex.**
W. Bro. Fred. Brooker, W. M.; R. W. Bro. A. H. Clark, W. Bro. J. W. Brien, P. M's.
- No. 403. Windsor, Windsor.**
W. Bro. J. Neilson, W. M.; Bros. F. M. Allworth, S. W.; A. Welch, J. W.; R. W. Bro. R. H. Revell, W. Bros. C. Koelln, A. N. Pettit, P. M's.
- No. 404. Lorne, Tamworth.**
W. Bro. Smith Gilmour, P. M. and Proxy.

- No. 405. Mattawa, Mattawa.**
R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 406. Spry, Fenelon Falls.**
W. Bro. Heber Johnston, W. M.; R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald,
W. Bro. W. H. Robson, P. M's.
- No. 408. Murray, Beaverton.**
R. W. Bro. Wm. Williamson, P. M. and Proxy; W. Bro.
David Walls, P. M.
- No. 409. Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.**
W. Bro. D'Alton Campbell, W. M.; V. W. Bro. J. H.
Elliott, P. M.
- No. 410. Zeta, Toronto.**
W. Bro. M. J. Micks, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, V.
W. Bro. E. Barber, W. Bros. Jas. G. Cane, J. J. Hoidge,
T. G. Malcolm, P. M's.
- No. 411. Rodney, Rodney.**
W. Bro. A. S. Winlow, W. M.; W. Bro. O. R. S. Stinson,
P. M.
- No. 412. Keystone, Sault Ste Marie.**
W. Bro. C. B. Sexsmith, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Way,
W. Bros. T. E. Simpson, W. J. Thompson, P. M's.
- No. 415. Fort William, Fort William.**
W. Bro. Wm. Taylor, W. M.; R. W. Bro. F. Symes, P. M.
- No. 418. Maxville, Maxville.**
W. Bro. F. J. McRae, W. M.
- No. 419. Bismarck, Point Edward.**
W. Bro. John McKenzie, W. M.
- No. 420. Nipissing, North Bay.**
W. Bro. N. J. McCubbin, P. M. and Proxy; R. W. Bros. A.
J. Young, A. C. Rorabeck, P. M's.
- No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.**
W. Bro. G. I. Campbell, W. M.; R. W. Bros. R. R. Hop-
kins, J. A. V. Preston, W. Bro. W. R. Scott, P. M's.
- No. 423. Strong, Sundridge.**
W. Bro. Jos. Edgar, W. M.
- No. 424. Doric, Pickering.**
W. Bro. F. M. Chapman, W. M.; W. Bro. G. W. P. Every,
P. M.
- No. 426. Stanley, Toronto.**
W. Bro. J. T. Jackson, W. M.; R. W. Bros. A. J. Anderson,
G. W. Clendenan, W. Bros. W. J. Shepherd, F. J. White, J.
A. Ellis, P. M's.

- No. 427. Nickel, Sudbury.**
R. W. Bro. R. H. Arthur, P. M. and Proxy; W. Bro. Jas. A. Orr, P. M.
- No. 428. Fidelity, Port Perry.**
W. Bro. D. F. Hagerman, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 429. Port Elgin, Port Elgin.**
W. Bro. G. W. Smith, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 430. Acacia, Toronto.**
W. Bro. R. G. Allan, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Baynes-Reed, V. W. Bro. John Parsell, P. M's.
- No. 434. Algonquin, Emsdale.**
Bro. F. W. Brooks, S. W.; R. W. Bro. J. H. Metcalfe, V. W. Bro. R. McConkey, P. M's.
- No. 436. Burns, Hepworth.**
W. Bro. Alfred Reid, W. M.
- No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.**
W. Bro. E. A. Mills, W. M.; R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, W. Bro. John Boyd, P. M's.
- No. 438. Harmony, Toronto.**
W. Bro. E. J. Repath, W. M.; R. W. Bros. L. K. Cameron, J. B. Nixon, P. M's.
- No. 440. Arcadia, Minden.**
W. Bro. S. W. Welch, W. M.
- No. 441. Westport, Westport.**
W. Bro. Geo. Butterill, W. M.
- No. 422. Dymont, Thessalon.**
W. Bro. R. C. Dobie, W. M.
- No. 443. Powassan, Powassan.**
Bro. Jas. Arthurs, J. W., W. Bro. A. Olfield, P. M.
- No. 477. Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
W. Bro. A. D. McInnes, W. M.
- No. 449. Dundalk, Dundalk.**
W. Bro. C. E. Noble, W. M.
- No. 451. Somerville, Kinmount.**
W. Bro. D. McKenzie, W. M.
- No. 452. Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. Percy McEwen, W. M.
- No. 454. Corona, Burk's Falls.**
W. Bro. J. W. Harris, P. M. and Proxy.

- No. 455. Doric, Little Current.**
W. Bro. Jos. Ellenton, P. M. and Proxy; W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, P. M.
- No. 456. Elma Monkton.**
W. Bro. John I. Struthers, W. M.; W. Bros. C. H. Merrifield, O. Duffield, P. M's.
- No. 458. Wales, Wales.**
W. Bro. L. G. Wert, P. M. and Proxy; R. W. Bro. Rev. C. O. Carson, P. M.
- No. 459. Cobden, Cobden.**
W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Goodwill, W. M.
- No. 460. Rideau, Seeley's Bay.**
W. Bro. J. C. McKinley, W. M.; W. Bro. C. C. Gilbert, P. M.
- No. 462. Temiscaming, New Liskeard.**
W. Bro. E. Monaghan, W. M.; W. Bros. F. W. Haynes, Rev. F. E. Pitts, P. M's.
- No. 463. North Entrance, Haliburton.**
W. Bro. J. B. Anderson, W. M.; Bro. J. T. Laking, S. W.; W. Bro. Ralph Clark, P. M.
- No. 465. Carleton, Carp.**
W. Bro. Geo. H. Groves, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 466. Coronation, Elmvale.**
W. Bro. W. A. Upon, W. M.
- No. 467. Tottenham, Tottenham.**
W. Bro. T. W. Abbott, W. M.
- No. 469. Algoma, Sault Ste Marie.**
W. Bro. P. T. Rowland, W. M.
- No. 471. King Edward VII., Chippawa.**
W. Bro. H. McKenzie, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 473. The Beaches, Toronto.**
W. Bro. W. E. Orr, W. M.
- No. 474. Victoria, Toronto.**
W. Bro. F. C. J. Whitten, W. M.; W. Bro. Thos. E. Hoar, P. M.
- No. 475. Dundurn, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. G. H. Lanigan, P. M.
- No. 476. Corinthian, North Gower.**
W. Bro. Jas. E. Armstrong, W. M.

- No. 477. Harding, Woodville.**
W. Bro. B. Stacey, P. M. and Proxy; W. Bro. Rev. Wm. Kannawin, P. M.
- No. 478. Milverton, Milverton.**
Bro. Thos. Hutchinson, S. W.
- No. 479. Russell, Russell.**
W. Bro. Philip B. Proudfoot, W. M.
- No. 480. Williamsburg, N. Williamsburg.**
W. Bro. W. C. Strader, W. M.
- No. 481. Corinthian, Toronto.**
W. Bros. W. H. Hutchinson, John Stephens, P. M's.
- No. 482. Bancroft, Bancroft.**
Bro. Arch. Riddell, S. W.
- No. 483. Granton, Granton.**
W. Bro. Rev. James Aberly, W. M.; W. Bro. Wm. Dann, P. M.
- No. 484. Golden Star, Dryden.**
W. Bro. W. A. Quibell, W. M.
- No. 485. Haileybury, Haileybury.**
Bro. Frank H. Ebbitt, S. W.
- No. 486. Silver, Cobalt.**
W. Bro. J. D. Byrnes, W. M.
- No. 488. King Edward, Harrow.**
W. Bro. F. E. Richardson, W. M.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the side seats of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of Proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Fifty-third Annual Communication, held in the City of Niagara Falls on the 15th and 16th days of July, A. D. 1908, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the constituent lodges, the same be considered as read and they be now confirmed.

Letters and telegrams of regret were read, from M. W. Bros. Henry Robertson, J. M. Gibson, and Benjamin Allen, and from R. W. Bros. A. F. Webster and J. Kerr Bryden.

Communications were received from The McClary Manufacturing Co., inviting the members to visit their plant, and from the Matron of the Salvation Army Hospital and Shelter, requesting the members to visit that Institution. The Grand Secretary was instructed to send suitable acknowledgments and thanks.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled :

To the Brethren of Grand Lodge :

•Since last we met in Annual Communication nothing of an unusual character has taken place in the affairs of the Craft within this jurisdiction. There has been no serious disturbance of the harmony which should prevail among Freemasons; reasonable progress has been made; and our relations with all foreign jurisdictions have been most cordial. The increase in our membership was not so great in the year just closed as in the previous year, nor was the revenue quite so large. This lessening of progress was due, doubtless, to the decline of business and the comparative tightness of money, not only in Canada, but throughout the civilized world. Still we have reason for thankfulness and for hope.

In the year which ended May 31, 1908, the revenue of the Grand Lodge was \$38,754.80; in the year just closed it was \$37,446.60.

The expenditure from ordinary revenue was \$41,-349.93. Thus the outgo exceeded the income by, \$3,903.33.

Grants for benevolence from the ordinary revenue were \$21,956.30 in 1908, and \$24,362.00 in 1909.

The benevolent grants from interest on Semi-Centennial Fund were \$1,210.00 in 1908, and \$2,010.00 in 1909.

The total grants for benevolence in the year just closed were \$26,372.00.

Receipts from lodges for the Semi-Centennial Fund during the year were \$1,657.61; and the amount at the credit of that fund at 31st May, 1909, was \$51,759.90. Since 31st May contributions of upwards of \$3,000.00 have been received, thereby increasing the capital account to nearly \$55,000.00.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

Reports have been forwarded to me of deaths in this jurisdiction as follows:

R. W. Bro. Thomas Creighton Macnabb, who died at his home in Chatham, August 6th, 1908, in the eighty-first year of his age. Bro. Macnabb was initiated, passed and raised in The Barton Lodge, No. 6, in 1859, was Worshipful Master of that lodge, and, removing to Chatham, was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the London District.

R. W. Bro. Christopher McLellan died at Stratford, March 10th, 1909. He was initiated, passed and raised, in 1865, in Elgin Lodge, Montreal, No. 384, on the Grand Register of Scotland; was Worshipful Master of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford, in 1880 and 1881, and District Deputy Grand Master of the South Huron District in 1887 and 1888.

R. W. Bro. Charles Willer Mulligan died at Salt Lake City, September 14th, 1908. He was initiated, passed and raised in Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton, was Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1883 and 1884, and was installed District Deputy Grand Master of the Hamilton District in 1890.

R. W. Bro. Frederick Calvin Martin died at his home in Woodstock, September 1st, 1908. He was initiated on February 10th, 1875, in Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock; he was elected Grand Registrar in 1884, and was for many years a member of the Board of General Purposes.

Deaths in other jurisdictions have been reported to me as follows:

Alabama—John Gideon Harris, Past Grand Master.

Arizona—Francis Marion Zuck, Past Grand Master.

Connecticut—Henry Orange Warner, Past Grand Master; James Lewis Gould, Past Grand Master; John Henry Barlow, Past Grand Master.

Florida—William E. Anderson, Past Grand Master.

Indiana—Simeon Stevens Johnson, Past Grand Master; Martin H. Rice, Past Grand Master.

Manitoba—Thomas Robinson, Past Grand Master.

Michigan—Hugh McCurdy, Past Grand Master.

Nebraska—Bradner B. Slaughter, Past Grand Master.

New Mexico—William Burr Childers, Past Grand Master; Elias Elwell Day, Past Grand Master.

New York—Joseph J. Couch, Past Grand Master.

North Carolina—Fabius Haywood Busby, Past Grand Master.

Oregon—Jacob Mayer, Past Grand Master.

South Carolina—John R. Bellinger, Past Grand Master.

Tennessee—John Thomas Irion, Past Grand Master.

Wyoming—John Charles Davis, Past Grand Master.

RULINGS.

I have not been called upon during the year for many formal rulings. But I have received a great many letters asking for decisions, when the writers would have found answers by consulting the Constitution. If Masters of lodges would carefully read the fundamental law of our Order, they would not need to write so many letters, and they would save the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary a great deal of unnecessary work.

The formal rulings are as follows:

1. A lodge meeting was closed in the regular way. Then a belated candidate arrived. The Master desired to re-open the lodge and initiate the candidate, but the District Deputy Grand Master, who was present, ruled that he could not legally do so. Was this ruling correct? Yes.

2. Will the Grand Master clothe District Deputy Grand Masters with power to authorize such re-openings? No.

3. A candidate was regularly proposed; his petition was received by the lodge, and referred to a committee for investigation. Then it was discovered that the applicant had not resided for one year within the jurisdiction of the lodge. What course should the Worshipful Master take? Ans.—He should direct the petition to be withdrawn.

4. On a petition for initiation the ballot was taken; the ballot-box was inspected and placed upon the altar; and, after a reasonable time, the Worshipful Master declared the result. Afterward the Tyler objected to the validity of the ballot on the ground that he had not been given an opportunity to vote. Ruled, that the declaration by the Master is final, and the ballot cannot be re-opened. The Tyler had a right to vote, but he did not claim that right, and his neglect cannot affect the result.

5. An applicant has partially lost his eyesight. He can find his way about the town, and can distinguish a coin when held close to his eyes, or a person's hand when held very near him. Ruled that he is not eligible.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

In December, 1908, large districts in Sicily and Calabria, Italy, were visited by earthquakes, which overthrew cities and villages, and which, in wide destruction of property and loss of life, constituted one of the most dreadful calamities that has ever afflicted any part of the world. The harrowing details of that catastrophe it is not necessary to repeat, since they are so well known to all. On the 1st of January, 1909, the Grand Lodge of Italy found itself unable, without assistance from abroad, to meet the demands upon it for help to the unfortunates; and a circular was issued to all Grand Bodies throughout the world. I considered that we ought not to neglect the appeal of our Italian brethren in their hour of trial, and I directed the Grand Secretary to draw an order upon the Grand Treasurer for the sum of one thousand dollars as our contribution to the relief fund of the Italian Grand

Lodge. I addressed a personal letter of sympathy to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Italy, and directed the Grand Secretary to forward the money to the Grand Secretary of Italy, which he did, accompanied by the following letter:

HAMILTON, CANADA, FEBRUARY 10, 1909.

SIGNORE ROSARIO BENTIVEGUA, 33°,
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Italy,
Palace of Justice, Rome, Italy.

Illustrious and Beloved Brother:

The hearts of all men have been filled with sorrow and sympathy because of the great misfortune which has fallen upon your country and its inhabitants. More especially are these feelings entertained by brethren of the Masonic Order, who have been taught the sublime lesson of charity in thought, word and deed.

Your circular, dated January 1st, 1909, was not received until recently, and was immediately referred to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, who, after consultation with other brethren of eminence in the Craft, desires me to extend to you and to M. W. Bro. Ettore Furari, your esteemed Grand Master, and, through him and yourself, to the brethren of Italy, his heartfelt and sincere sympathy with you and them in the appalling circumstances which surround you, and he begs your acceptance of the enclosed draft on Credit Lyonnais, Paris, for 5,150f. (\$1,000), as a contribution from the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, to the relief fund of the Grand Lodge of Italy, with the hope that it will be of some slight service in this time of trouble, and that you will believe that it is accompanied by the warm fraternal regards of the brethren in this jurisdiction.

Permit me also to convey to you my own personal sympathy in your affliction, the distressing accounts of which are most harrowing in their details.

Accept, dear brother, my fraternal greetings.

Yours truly and fraternally,

R. L. GUNN,
Grand Secretary.

A letter of acknowledgment and thanks was received from Illustrious Bro. Furari, of which the following is a translation:

GRAND ORIENT OF ITALY.

• ORIENT OF ROME, MAY 8TH, 1909.

To the Supreme Grand Lodge of Canada, Hamilton, Ont.:

Most Venerable Grand Master, Illustrious and Beloved Brethren:

In the name of all Italian Masonry, I beg to return thanks to you, Most Venerable Grand Master, and to the illustrious and beloved brethren, for the generous gift of \$1,000.00, which you sent with admirable promptness and fraternal charity, in behalf of the suffering brethren who were so bitterly afflicted in the terrible disaster at Messina and Reggio.

And not only for the noble gift are we most grateful in the name of the unfortunates whom we have been able to rescue, but also for the expressions of brotherly feeling with which you have been pleased to accompany it, which were to us of inestimable comfort in the overwhelming grief of the greatest calamity which could befall our country.

Accept, Most Venerable Grand Master and most illustrious and beloved brethren, our affectionate and fraternal greetings.

C. M. FURARI, 33°,

The Grand Master of Italian Masonry.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

It is very much to be regretted that contributions to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund have not been liberal. During the year only \$7,657.61 has been received by the Grand Secretary, making the total at credit of the fund, at the close of the year, \$51,759.90, or a little more than half the sum to which the lodges pledged themselves in 1904. When we reflect that during the year the expenditures of Grand Lodge exceeded its receipts by nearly \$4,000.00, and that the excess of expenditure was largely due to increase in the benevolent grants, it will be seen that many brethren

ren who proclaim charity to be the chief of Masonic virtues, permit their deeds to fall very far behind their professions. There are no less than forty-five lodges in the jurisdiction whose members have not contributed a penny to this fund. And only sixty lodges are on the honor roll of those which have paid the full amount, or more than the full amount, their representatives in Grand Lodge in 1904 pledged them to pay.

A noble example has been set by the brethren in the Nipissing District. Here, where the country is newly settled, where a majority of the lodges are young and struggling, where distances are great and expenses are high, the district, as a district, has paid more than the quota assigned it on the membership of 1904. In that year the membership of all the lodges in the district was 755, and the contribution apportioned to that membership was \$2,265; yet we find that, up to the present time, no less than \$2,397.75 has been paid in.

I am also proud to be able to say that the lodges which existed in Hamilton in 1904 have paid more than their quota, or \$5,756, with more to come.

It is a sad fact that some lodges, which have contributed nothing to the fund, continue to send in appeals to Grand Lodge for assistance to their needy members. These appeals receive the same consideration as those from lodges which are contributors to the fund. These bodies, apparently, are willing to remain in the position of doing nothing for the benevolence of Grand Lodge, but of being a burden upon its charitable fund.

There is reason to think that in some lodges brethren have contributed money for this fund which has not been forwarded to the Grand Secretary. In some quarters there seems to be an impression that contributions should not be sent in until the whole quota of the lodge is made up. This is an error. Secretaries are earnestly requested to send in all sums collected by them, in order that the money may be invested and earn interest.

REMOVAL OF A DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

In January last information reached me that in the St. Clair District, No. 2, the District Deputy Grand

Master had not officially visited any lodge; that the affairs of the district were wholly neglected; that letters were not answered, and that the District Deputy Grand Master had removed to Battle Creek, Michigan, whence he visited his home at Point Edward on Saturday evenings, returning to Battle Creek on Monday mornings. I at once wrote him a personal letter, asking him if the reports which reached me were correct; and, if they were, what he proposed to do in the performance of his official duty. To that letter I received no answer. I then directed the Grand Secretary to write him officially, asking the same questions. The Grand Secretary did write him, as follows:

HAMILTON, ONT., FEB. 1ST, 1909.

J. B. LIVINGSTON, ESQ., D.D.G.M.,
Point Edward, Ont.

Dear Sir and R. W. Bro.:

The Grand Master learns, with regret, that you have not officially visited any of the lodges in your district, and that you have removed to the State of Michigan, apparently with the expectation of residing there permanently. District Deputy Grand Masters are elected for the purpose of making real and thorough inspections of the lodges under their charge, and it is not enough to make hurried, perfunctory visits to lodges. Neither is it desirable to have special meetings called to suit the convenience of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The Grand Master desires to know if it is at all probable that you will return at an early date to the St. Clair District, with the intention of residing there, and be able to perform your duties in a proper manner, and make such report on the condition of Masonry in your district as is expected from you. A reply at your earliest convenience will much oblige.

Yours fraternally,

R. L. GUNN,

Grand Secretary.

Two copies of this letter were sent, one directed to R. W. Bro. Livingston, Point Edward, Ontario, and one to Battle Creek, Michigan. No reply was received. After waiting a reasonable time, I, on the 11th of

February, 1909, removed Bro. Livingston from office as District Deputy Grand Master, and appointed R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, of Sarnia, District Deputy Grand Master for the Second District in his place. Bro. Livingston turned over to Bro. Cornell the books, papers, Masonic clothing and other property pertaining to the office.

I took this step with great reluctance and much pain. It is a serious thing to remove a brother from a position to which he was raised by the suffrages of his brethren. But I felt it to be my duty to take the course I took. The office of District Deputy Grand Master is one of high honor; at the same time it calls for serious duties and imposes high responsibilities. It should not be accepted save by those who believe they will be able to perform those duties. The District Deputies are the eyes of Grand Lodge and the superintendents of work. Through them Grand Lodge is informed of the condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction; and by them officers of lodges are instructed in their duties and guided in their work. The duties of these representatives of the Grand Master should not be performed carelessly nor perfunctorily. Much less should they be wholly neglected. Further, the District Deputy Grand Masters should, as far as possible, visit lodges on the regular nights of meeting. Sometimes special meetings may be necessary; but these should not be called without good reason. The expense of a special meeting is an important consideration to some lodges, while the inconvenience to officers and members is great.

IRREGULARITIES IN BALLOTING.

During the year complaint was made to me that a serious irregularity had taken place in balloting for a candidate in Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor. The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master kindly consented to go to Windsor to make enquiries. He did so, and reported that, undoubtedly, in taking the ballot for a certain candidate, all the black balls had been taken from the box, and that the candidate had been declared elected. But he was not able to determine who had been guilty of the offence. I directed the Worshipful Master of Great Western Lodge not to initiate the candidate so elected; and I

appointed a commission, consisting of R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt (Chairman), R. W. Bro. E. B. Brown, and R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, with V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith (Secretary), a commission to visit Windsor, and endeavor to ascertain the facts. The commissioners prosecuted their labors with energy and ability, and reported that, undoubtedly, the offence charged had been committed, with the design of forcing an objectionable candidate upon the lodge; but that they could not fix the guilt upon any member or members with anything like certainty.

Three courses were then open to me: to direct a charge to be preferred against the suspected brethren; to arrest the warrant of the lodge; or to permit the proceedings to drop. I adopted the latter course. Where the commissioners had failed to bring the offence home to any brother or brethren, it was not likely that a different result would follow a regular trial; and to arrest the warrant of the lodge would be to punish the many for the offence of the guilty few. Therefore I proceeded no further with the business.

In March I was informed that an irregularity of a less serious character had taken place in St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges. I saw the Worshipful Master and a number of members of the lodge, but was unable, from the information so obtained, to reach a conclusion. I then appointed R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn a commissioner to make further investigation. Bro. Gunn visited Mount Brydges, and examined as many members of the lodge as could throw any light on the matter complained of. He reported that it had not been customary in St. John's Lodge to meet at the hour fixed by by-law, but that it was generally half an hour after that time before the Worshipful Master would take the chair. At the regular meeting in February the lodge was opened within three or four minutes of the proper time, and brethren arriving at the customary hour found the doors closed. An alarm was given; but, as the Secretary was at the time reading a paper, the Worshipful Master properly declined to have it attended to. Some time afterwards another alarm was given, and it was announced to the Master by the Junior Warden, but the Worshipful Master paid no attention to it, and ordered the ballot to be taken on petitions for initiation which were then be-

fore the lodge. As each ballot was taken the Tyler was admitted to vote, but other brethren, to the number of twelve or more, were not admitted till the balloting was over. The Worshipful Master explained that he was new to the duties of his office; that his mind was disturbed by extraneous business; that he had decided to open his lodge promptly at the hour fixed in the by-law, and had no intention of taking advantage of any of the brethren; that he intended to conduct the business of the lodge as had been the custom of former Masters and that he did not hear the Junior Warden announce the alarm immediately before the order was given to proceed with the ballot.

Under all the circumstances of the case, as reported to me, I was able to make a good deal of allowance for the Worshipful Master, and directed the District Deputy Grand Master to visit St. John's Lodge and administer to W. Bro. Kinder such admonition as he considered proper.

In view of the facts disclosed by these investigations, and of other information which has reached me, I am convinced that methods of balloting for candidates vary greatly in the different lodges; that ballot boxes are of many patterns; that sufficient black balls are not provided in some lodges; that some Masters do not admit waiting members before the ballot is taken; and that indefiniteness of the constitutional provision as to balloting leads to irregularity on the part of Masters, even where there is no desire to do wrong. I therefore recommend the appointment of a committee of this Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to prepare a constitutional provision for the taking of the ballot in lodges, the character of the boxes to be used, the times at which members may properly be admitted to the lodge; and anything else pertinent to the general question; this committee to report at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge

USE OF LODGE ROOMS.

In March of this year I learned that a lodge in the western part of the Province had permitted a society of ladies called the Order of the Eastern Star to meet in the lodge room. I instructed the District Deputy Grand Master to admonish the Worshipful Master of the lodge that this could not be permitted. Section

231 of the Constitution says: "It is improper to allow a lodge room to be used jointly with other societies, or for other than Masonic purposes. This, however, shall not be construed as excluding bodies that claim to be Masonic, and are founded on Craft Masonry." The Order of the Eastern Star cannot be founded on Craft Masonry, as women are not admitted to our Order. If, therefore, the body in question is Masonic, it practices spurious and clandestine Masonry, and it is a Masonic offence to have "Masonic communion with clandestine Masons or irregular bodies." If it is not Masonic, the use of our lodge rooms is denied to it by section 231 of the Constitution already quoted. The Worshipful Master of the lodge implicated pleaded that he believed the Eastern Star to be a body founded on Craft Masonry; but he acknowledged his error, and promised obedience to the Constitution. Therefore I did not pursue the matter any further.

I have some reason to think that other lodges are violating section 231 of the Constitution; and, at my desire, the Grand Secretary has made enquiry of District Deputy Grand Masters if this law is strictly observed.

W. BRO. I. B. JOHNSON.

By adopting the report of the committee on Grievances and Appeals, at the last Annual Communication, Grand Lodge continued the suspension of W. Bro. Isaac B. Johnson, a Past Master of Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, and the Grand Master was empowered to "remove the suspension and restore W. Bro. Johnson to full privileges on the petition of Doric Lodge." At its regular meeting held June 17th, 1909, Doric Lodge, after due notice and by the necessary majority, requested the restoration of W. Bro. Johnson. Upon enquiry, I was convinced that the interests of the lodge and of Masonry would be served by acceding to the request, and I accordingly, on the 29th of June, 1909, removed the suspension from W. Bro. Johnson, and restored him to all privileges enjoyed by him previous to his suspension.

CANVASSING.

Several circulars have been forwarded to me, issued for the purpose of promoting the candidature of cer-

tain brethren for office. One of these records the passing of a resolution by a lodge and the appointment of a committee to secure votes for a member of that lodge. Such methods of conducting a canvass savor much of the practices of politicians, and I believe them to be contrary to the spirit of Masonry. If a brother's service and merit do not recommend him to the favorable consideration of his brethren, he is probably one who is not eminently qualified for the office he seeks. I trust that practices of this sort will be discountenanced by the brethren, who can, by voting against candidates thus urged upon the Craft, make such canvassing unprofitable.

UNDRESS CLOTHING.

Most Worshipful Bro. John Ross Robertson has offered to Grand Lodge a full set of undress Masonic clothing for the use of all the officers of Grand Lodge; and, on behalf of Grand Lodge, I have accepted it. It has been placed in charge of the Grand Secretary, and will be worn as Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may direct.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Appointments of Grand Representatives have been made, on my recommendation, as follows:

Grand Lodge of Rhode Island—R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, Toronto.

Grand Lodge of Belgium—R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, London.

Upon nomination of the Grand Master of New Zealand, a commission has been issued to R. W. Bro. Charles Rhodes, Auckland, to represent our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

WARRANTS.

In compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, warrants have been granted to:

Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, Bancroft.

Granton Lodge, No. 483, Granton.

Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, Dryden.

Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, Haileybury.

Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been continued from the previous year to:

Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River.

King Edward Lodge, Harrow.

St. Andrew's Lodge, Arden.

Osiris Lodge, Smith's Falls.

Hiram Lodge, Markdale.

Dispensations for new lodges have been granted to:

Cardinal Lodge, Cardinal.

Karnak Lodge, Coldwater.

St. Mary's Lodge, St. Mary's.

Electric Lodge, Hamilton.

Riverdale Lodge, Toronto.

Petitions for new lodges at Sutton, Mount Albert and Lombardy have been refused.

CONSECRATIONS.

The following lodges have been constituted and consecrated:

Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, Bancroft, by R. W. Bro. John Newton, D.D.G.M.

Granton Lodge, No. 483, Granton, by R. W. Bro. R. E. Cooper, D.D.G.M.

Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, Dryden, by R. W. Bro. Andrew More, P.D.D.G.M.

Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, Haileybury, by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, G. M.

Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt, by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, G.M.

DEDICATIONS.

The following lodge rooms have been dedicated during the year, viz.:

Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount, by R. W. Bro. Joseph White, D.D.G.M.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, by R. W. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck, D.D.G.M.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh, by R. W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, D.D.G.M.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee, by R. W. Bro.
A. H. C. Long, D.D.G.M.

CORNER-STONES.

Corner-stones have been laid with Masonic ceremonies as follows:

The new Masonic Temple at North Toronto, by
M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, G.M.

The Young Women's Christian Association building at Hamilton, by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, G.M.

The new Masonic Temple at West Toronto, by
M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, G.M.

St. Mary's Church (Anglican), at North March, by M. W. Bro. S. S. Davidson, D.D.G.M.

All Saints' Church (Anglican), at Peterborough, by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Past Grand Master.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, two years ago you confided to me a highly important trust and conferred upon me a very great honor. In resigning the trust to your hands, I am forced to confess that, in many particulars, I have failed. I ask you, for those failures, to give me the benefit of your charity, and to believe that I have followed the right course so far as I was able to discern it, and have done my duty so far as strength was given me.

I should be most ungrateful did I not acknowledge the kindness which has greeted me on every hand, and the hospitality which has welcomed me in every part of the jurisdiction which I have visited. I have asked for counsel; it has been given freely, and my steps have been guided by it. I have asked for help; it has been given generously, and my hands have been strengthened by it. The remembrance of all this goodness will abide with me and be a benediction to me while I live.

I know that a strong, earnest and devoted man will succeed me in the office I am quitting; and I cannot doubt that the wisdom of this Grand Body will select others to follow him, in whose hands the interests of the Order will be served and its name made still more honorable. I cannot doubt that Masonry

will continue to justify its existence by good works, nor that the Great Architect of the Universe will continue His blessing upon it.

A. T. FREED,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W., the Grand Master, be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, J. Ross Robertson and J. H. Burritt.

It was announced by M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr that the present meeting of the Grand Lodge was the forty-first anniversary of the election and installation, at this good City of London, of M. W. Bro. Col. A. A. Stevenson as M. W. Grand Master. The M. W. Bro. spoke in glowing and eloquent terms of the great and faithful services rendered to Grand Lodge by M. W. Bro. Stevenson, of his firmness of purpose under the trying circumstances of the earlier days, of his genial disposition and warmth of heart, under all circumstances but above all of the great love and respect in which he is, and has always been, held by every member of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Honors, followed by hearty cheers, were given to M. W. Bro. Stevenson, who feelingly expressed his thanks for the kind words which had been said of him, and for the honors which he had received; and he stated that so long as health and strength were given him he would gladly join the brethren at the Annual Communications, and be ready at all times, cheerfully and faithfully, to perform any duties which may be allotted to him.

The Grand Secretary presented the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's Reports as follows:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

I herewith submit a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements and Investment Account of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1909.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

The balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1908, was	7,044.20	
Less outstanding cheques	336.87	
		<u>\$6,707.33</u>

RECEIPTS FROM GRAND SECRETARY.

Revenue from Lodges	\$32,482.15	
Interest on Bank balances	305.18	
Interest on Investments	4,659.27	
Debentures matured and paid	7,329.65	
		<u>\$44,776.25</u>
		<u>\$51,483.58</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

General charges	16,987.93
Benevolent Orders	24,362.00

INVESTMENTS.

City of Berlin debentures	7,522.93	
Cash in bank, 31st May, 1909	\$3,126.80	
Less outstanding cheques	516.08	
		<u>\$2,610.72</u>
		<u>\$51,483.58</u>

Audited and found correct.

HARRY VIGEON,
Chartered Accountant.

Toronto, 18th June, 1909.

DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS

1908

June 4—H. T. Smith, reporting proceedings, commission re Johnston, Doric Lodge 316	15.00
Grand Secretary, account incidental expenses	200.00
10—Bell Telephone account to 1st Dec., 1908.. ..	28.50
17—Copp, Clark Co., M. M. certificates.....	1,023.75
23—Grand Secretary, salary to 30th June, 1908 ..	500.00
Auditor, salary to 30th June, 1908	100.00
Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th June, 1908	66.66
Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th June, 1908	66.66
Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to June 30th, 1908	50.00
Stenographer's salary to 30th, June, 1908...	43.33
Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th June, 1908 ..	50.00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th June, 1908	115.00
July 4—Deputy Grand Master, account postage	12.28
15—Expenses, Grand Lodge meeting at Niagara Falls	1,506.90

23—	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st July, 1908	66.66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st July, 1908	66.66
	Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st, July, 1908	50.00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st July, 1908 ...	76.67
	Henry Robertson, Foreign Correspondence (two years)	300.00
	8 months' postage, Committee on Benevolence	10.00
	Aug. 7—Grand Secretary, account incidentals	300.00
	Balance expenses, Grand Lodge meeting at Niagara Falls	155.00
	Alliance Assurance Co., premium on Grand Lodge Regalia, furniture and books	26.00
	Atlas Assurance, premium on Grand Lodge regalia, furniture and books	26.00
	Hartford Assurance Co., premium on Grand Lodge regalia, furniture and books	26.00
	Niagara Falls Printing Co., printing reports of Committee	67.50
	F. H. Leslie, printing reports of Committee	20.00
	J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250.00
	24—Robert Duncan & Co., in full, account to 2nd July, 1908	53.15
	Spectator Printing Co., balance to 1st July, 1908	693.50
	Mail Printing Co., in full, account advertising for tenders	18.00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st Aug., 1908	66.66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st Aug., 1908	66.66
	Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st Aug., 1908	50.00
Sept. 21—	Stenographer's salary to 31st Aug., 1908 ...	60.00
	J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	200.00
	Grand Master, account, expenses	300.00
	Grand Secretary, salary to 30th Sept., 1908 ..	500.00
	Grand Treasurer, salary to 30th Sept., 1908..	50.00
	H. Vigeon, Auditor, salary to 30th Sept., 1908	75.00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th Sept., 1908	66.67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary 30th Sept., 1908	66.67
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office salary to 30th Sept., 1908	50.00
	Stenographer's salary to 30th Sept., 1908...	60.00
	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th, Sept., 1908	115.00

	D. F. Macwatt, expenses connected with visiting Great Western lodge, 47	4.50
28—	Times Printing Co., account advertising	12.00
	Herald Printing Co., account advertising ..	12.00
	Evening Telegram, account advertising	12.00
	Globe Printing Co., account advertising	18.00
	The Reid Press Co., account printing	1,017.60
Oct. 15—	J. B. Nixon, account Investigation on Benevolence	200.00
26—	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st Oct., 1908	66.66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st Oct., 1908	66.66
	Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st Oct., 1908	50.00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st Oct., 1908 ..	60.00
Nov. 4—	Toronto General Trusts Corporation, rent of box in vault to 20th Sept., 1908	25.00
11—	J. B. Nixon, in full annual allowance on Benevolence	100.00
27—	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th Nov., 1908	66.66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th Nov., 1908	66.66
	Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th Nov., 1908	50.00
	Stenographer's salary to 30th Nov., 1908 ..	60.00
Dec. 1—	Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	12.50
4—	G. H. Lanigan, binding Grand Lodge Returns	13.00
4—	Robert Duncan Co., account	27.05
19—	Grand Secretary's salary to 31st Dec., 1908	500.00
	Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st Dec., 1908 ..	50.00
	H. Vigeon, auditor to 31st Dec., 1908	75.00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st Dec., 1908	66.70
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st Dec., 1908	66.70
	Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st Dec., 1908	50.00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st Dec., 1908...	60.00
	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st Dec., 1908	115.00
1909		
Jan. 5—	Bell Telephone Co., account to 1st June, 1909	28.50
	Grand Secretary, account incidental expenses	150.00
23—	Hand Fireworks Co., mailing tubes	8.00
	Reid Press Co., to date	15.00
	The Hurley Printing Co., to date	33.00
	A. C. Turnbull, account to date	6.50
25—	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, to 31st Jan., 1909	66.66

	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st Jan., 1909	66.66
	Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st Jan., 1909	50.00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st Jan., 1909 ...	60.00
	Masonic Relief Association, dues, two years to 31st Aug., 1909	409.88
27—	Robert Duncan Co., account to 2nd Jan., 1909	18.90
	Reid Press Co., account to 18th Jan., 1909 ..	8.25
	Paid draft, Canadian Bank of Commerce; Grand Lodge of Italy for sufferers	1,000.00
Feb. 3—	Copp, Clark Co., account printing 1,000 M. M. certificates	350.00
23—	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 28th Feb., 1909	66.67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 28th Feb., 1909	66.67
	Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 28th Feb., 1909	50.00
	Stenographer's salary to 28th Feb., 1909	60.00
Mar. 4—	Grand Secretary, account incidentals	150.00
	J. Fenner, for photographs	24.50
	Spectator Printing Co., account to 1st March 1909	1,461.99
	R. Duncan & Co., account to date	28.75
20—	Grand Secretary's salary to 31st March, 1909	500.00
	Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st, March, 1909	50.00
	H. Vigeon, salary to 31st March, 1909....	75.00
	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, to 31st March, 1909	66.66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to March 31st, 1909	66.66
	Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st March, 1909	50.00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st March, 1909..	60.00
	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March, 1909	115.00
	Copp Clark Co., account	250.00
	Hurley Printing Co., account	168.65
	The Reid Press Co. account	2.25
Apr. 20—	Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th April, 1909	66.67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th April, 1909	66.67
	Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to April 30th, 1909	50.00
	Stenographer's salary to 30th April, 1909	60.00
May. 18—	Grand Secretary's expenses commission re St. John's Lodge, 81	18.00
	Reid Press Co., account to 30th April, 1909	42.65
	Robert Duncan Co., account in full to May 1st, 1909	9.15

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Office Specialty Co., account in full to date .	29.15
The Hurley Printing Co., account in full to April 15, 1909	15.50
A. M. Cunningham, in full to date	8.00
Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st May, 1909	66.67
Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st May, 1909	66.67
Assistant clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st May, 1909	50.00
Stenographer's salary to 31st May, 1909...	60.00
31— F. W. Harcourt, expenses commission re Great Western Lodge	135.00
Grand Secretary, balance incidentals to 31st May, 1909	26.08
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	\$16,987.93
Benevolent Orders	24,362.00
Debenture investments during the year ..	7,522.93
Balance cash in bank less outstanding cheques	2,610.72
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	<u>\$51,483.58</u>

The attached Statement of Assets shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st of May, 1909, and the sums invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

GENERAL ACCOUNT
Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1908

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear- ing %	Yield- ing %		
DEBENTURES				
Can. Savings & Loan Co.	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	\$ 5,000 00	\$ 5,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co.....	4	4	15,000 00	15,000 00
Ham Provident & Loan Company.....	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	15,000 00	15,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Company.....	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	10,000 00	10,000 00
Ontario Loan and Deben- ture Co.....	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	5,000 00	5,000 00
Berlin, City of.....	5	5	5,523 08	5,523 08
Berlin, City of	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7,479 53	7,299 24
Brantford, City of.....	4	3 $\frac{7}{8}$	8,173 60	8,000 00
Brockville, Town of	4	3 $\frac{9}{16}$	3,131 45	3,000 00
Brockville, Town of	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,033 24	4,307 02
Brockville, Town of	4	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	4,293 94	4,518 67
Hamilton, City of	4	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,777 70	3,000 00
Kincardine, Town of	5	4 $\frac{7}{8}$	509 80	500 00
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4 $\frac{7}{8}$	1,009 31	1,000 00
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4 $\frac{1}{16}$	12,026 07	12,148 50
Toronto, City of.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.05	4,484 14	4,866 66
Toronto, City of.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	5,394 09	5,626 47
			\$108,835 95	\$109,789 64

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce 31st

May, 1909..... \$3,126 80

Less cheques outstanding 31st May, 1909.... 516 08

2,610 72

\$112,400 36

Faternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer

Examined and certified to as being correct.

HARRY VIGEON

June 19, 1909

Chartered Accountant

1908-1909

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, LONDON, 5909.

June	1908.	August	1903
4 Mrs. P. P.	\$30 00	28 Dau. J. D.	35 00
20 Bro. J. M.	50 00	28 Mrs. J. M.	30 00
26 Miss M. W.	75 00	28 Mrs. J. T.	10 00
26 Mrs. T. W. H.	75 00	28 Mrs. W. J. A.	20 00
26 Miss M. H. H.	18 75	28 Bro. E. H. B.	75 00
29 Bro. G. W. L.	50 00	28 Bro. W. McC.	30 00
August		28 Mrs. J. W.	25 00
28 Mrs. G. W.	50 00	28 Mrs. W. P.	20 00
28 Mrs. G. S. M.	20 00	28 Mrs. T. E.	20 00
28 Mrs. J. V.	20 00	28 Mrs. A. F.	50 00
28 Mrs. W. C. S.	35 00	28 Mrs. H. G.	25 00
28 Mrs. A. S.	15 00	28 Mrs. J. H.	10 00
28 Miss C. P.	25 00	28 Mrs. H. L. K.	25 00
28 Miss U. P.	25 00	28 Mrs. W. T.	20 00
28 Mrs. S. R.	40 00	28 Mrs. J. W.	20 00
28 Mrs. W. J. W.	25 00	28 Mrs. F. H. H.	25 00
28 Mrs. G. R. B.	30 00	28 Mrs. T. McC. L.	35 00
28 Bro. W. G.	75 00	28 Mrs. J. K.	25 00
28 Mrs. J. J.	35 00	28 Bro. D. W. V.	50 00
28 Miss A. McP.	15 00	28 Mrs. J. A.	25 00
28 Mrs. S. M.	25 00	28 Mrs. G. C.	20 00
28 Mrs. G. P.	40 00	28 Mrs. W. H. H.	20 00
28 Mrs. R. A. K.	25 00	28 Mrs. A. J.	20 00
28 Mrs. T. H. W.	25 00	28 Mrs. E. M.	20 00
28 Bro. W. A. D.	50 00	28 Mrs. W. J. S.	25 00
28 Mrs. G. S.	40 00	28 Mrs. J. LeC.	15 00
28 Mrs. R. G.	30 00	28 Mrs. W. P.	20 00
28 Mrs. C. A.	20 00	28 Mrs. J. W.	15 00
28 Mrs. J. C.	50 00	28 Mrs. J. L. Y.	10 00
28 Mrs. A. S. D.	25 00	28 Mrs. T. B.	15 00
28 Mrs. E. H.	20 00	28 Mrs. J. E. M.	50 00
28 Mrs. J. K.	35 00	28 Mrs. W. A. W.	20 00
28 Mrs. J. H.	20 00	28 Mrs. W. A.	25 00
28 Bro. R. M. K.	25 00	28 Mrs. J. E.	20 00
28 Mrs. T. E. McD.	25 00	28 Mrs. P. G.	25 00
28 Mrs. J. A. M.	15 00	28 Mrs. J. H.	20 00
28 Mrs. A. M.	20 00	28 Mrs. F. McC.	35 00
28 Bro. W. C.	40 00	28 Mrs. W. B.	20 00
28 Mrs. G. H. H.	25 00	28 Mrs. D. G.	25 00
28 Bro. J. B. S.	50 00	28 Mrs. W. H. S.	15 00
28 Mrs. R. T. S.	25 00	28 Bro. F. G. F.	20 00
28 Mrs. G. S.	20 00	28 Miss E. M. K.	20 00
28 Mrs. R. W.	15 00	28 Mrs. W. J. McD.	20 00
28 Mrs. E. O. S.	40 00	28 Mrs. J. M.	30 00

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28 Mrs. W. G. S. R....	10 00
28 Mrs. J. B.....	30 00
28 Mrs. W. F.	30 00
28 Mrs. W. L.....	10 00
28 Mrs. A. H.....	15 00
28 Mrs. H. H.....	20 00
28 Mrs. W. M. H.....	40 00
28 Mrs. F. G. B.....	20 00
28 Mrs. T. J. B.	20 00
28 Mrs. S. M. D.....	20 00
28 Mrs. A. L.	25 00
28 Bro. S. L.....	25 00
28 Mrs. J. McK.....	15 00
28 Mrs. C. W. M.....	20 00
28 Mrs. A. M.....	10 00
28 Mrs. W. M.....	10 00
28 Mrs. T. S. S.....	10 00
28 Mrs. W. B.	20 00
28 Bro. R. H. G.....	50 00
28 Mrs. H. C.....	20 00
28 Miss C. C.....	50 00
28 Mrs. C. D. McD...	35 00
28 Mrs. G. H. N.....	25 00
28 Mrs. — Y.....	15 00
28 Mrs. F. C.....	10 00
28 Mrs. W. M.....	35 00
28 Bro. H. O. H.....	75 00
28 Mrs. E. G.....	15 00
28 Mrs. E. B.	20 00
28 Mrs. R. C.....	25 00
28 Mrs. W. H. S.....	20 00
28 Mrs. G. S.....	25 00
28 Mrs. L. Y.....	20 00
28 Bro. G. W. L.....	50 00
28 Mrs. T. A.....	25 00
28 Mrs. J. L. H.....	15 00
28 Bro. J. H.....	75 00
28 Mrs. W. J.....	30 00
28 Mrs. W. J. T.....	20 00
28 Mrs. F. F. M.....	15 00
28 Mrs. F. S. B.....	20 00
28 Bro. A. E. B.....	75 00
28 Bro. T. G.....	75 00
28 Mrs. R. D. M.....	25 00
28 Mrs. G. T. P.....	20 00
28 Mrs. T. G. T.....	15 00
28 Mrs. D. H. W.	20 00
28 Mrs. E. A. W.....	25 00
28 Mrs. J. M.....	10 00
28 Mrs. A. R. P.....	40 00
28 Mrs. T. G.....	30 00
28 Mrs. E. E. W.....	40 00
28 Mrs. R. H. D.....	25 00

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28 Dau. E. E.....	20 00
28 Mrs. G. F. F.....	40 00
28 Mrs. R. H.....	10 00
28 Mrs. J. McK.....	25 00
28 Mrs. T. R.	20 00
28 Mrs. A. W.....	25 00
28 Mrs. J. R. L. S....	15 00
28 Mrs. A. B.....	50 00
28 Mrs. G. H. B.....	30 00
28 Mrs. E. O.....	30 00
28 Bro. O. J. A.....	75 00
28 Bro. A. W. B.....	50 00
28 Mrs. F. D.....	40 00
28 Mrs. A. G.	15 00
28 Bro. R. P.	75 00
28 Mrs. J. W. H.....	20 00
28 Mrs. H. T. J.....	20 00
28 Mrs. G. M. McL...	40 00
28 Mrs. G. H. N.....	20 00
28 Mrs. R. C.....	30 00
28 Mrs. F. W. S.....	40 00
28 Mrs. P. P.....	25 00
28 Mrs. M. McL.....	35 00
28 Bro. J. T. T.....	25 00
28 Mrs. W. E. H.....	50 00
28 Bro. D. B. M.....	75 00
28 Mrs. S. B.....	20 00
28 Mrs. J. B.....	20 00
28 Bro. M. P. C.....	75 00
28 Mrs. W. C.....	15 00
28 Mrs. W. H. B.....	25 00
28 Bro. M. G. R.	75 00
28 Miss M. W.....	30 00
28 Mrs. H. H.....	35 00
28 Mrs. J. M.....	25 00
28 Mrs. J. S.....	25 00
28 Bro. J. McL.....	75 00
28 Mrs. W. T. W.....	20 00
28 Mrs. A. C.....	20 00
28 Mrs. S. N. C.....	50 00
28 Mrs. J. A.....	20 00
28 Miss A. W. C.....	50 00
28 Bro. J. F.....	50 00
28 Mrs. H. A. C.....	30 00
28 Mrs. J. B.....	40 00
28 Mrs. R. A. D.....	40 00
28 Mrs. G. E. P.....	40 00
28 Mrs. J. S. B.....	25 00
28 Mrs. S. S. R.....	30 00
28 Mrs. W. B. W.....	40 00
28 Mrs. L. R.....	40 00
28 Bro. B. B.....	75 00
28 Mrs. S. R.....	15 00
28 Mrs. H. McG.....	20 00

August, 1908.

28 Mrs. T. H. S.....	40 00
28 Bro. A. C.....	75 00
28 Mrs. H. E.....	25 00
28 Mrs. A. DeP.....	30 00
28 Mrs. A. K.....	15 00
28 Bro. A. S.....	50 00
28 Mrs. E. W.....	30 00
28 Mrs. W. B. U.....	25 00
28 Mrs. C. A.....	20 00
28 Mrs. E. K.....	20 00
28 Mrs. F. M.....	75 00
28 Mrs. J. W.....	30 00
28 Mrs. D. C. L.....	20 00
28 Mrs. B. E.....	30 00
28 Mrs. A. C.....	40 00
28 Bro. W. A. D.....	75 00
28 Bro. J. L.....	50 00
28 Mrs. H. A. E.....	30 00
28 Mrs. W. S. H.....	25 00
28 Mrs. W. J. C.....	25 00
28 Bro. W. E.....	75 00
28 Bro. G. C.....	50 00
28 Bro. F. McM.....	75 00
28 Bro. J. M.....	30 00
28 Bro. J. K.....	75 00
28 Mrs. R. C.....	40 00
28 Mrs. W. J. B.....	20 00
28 Mrs. D. R.....	40 00
28 Mrs. J. E.....	20 00
28 Mrs. C. F. R.....	40 00
28 Mrs. W. R. A.....	20 00
28 Mrs. A. C. C.....	15 00
28 Mrs. G. O. F.....	25 00
28 Mrs. G. G.....	20 00
28 Mrs. W. E. K.....	20 00
28 Mrs. M. J. L.....	20 00
28 Mrs. S. T.....	40 00
28 Bro. J. A. S.....	15 00
28 Mrs. P. F.....	20 00
28 Chil. J. G. L.....	30 00
28 Mrs. C. G.....	25 00
28 Mrs. T. T. J.....	15 00
28 Mrs. J. C.....	30 00
28 Mrs. R. L.....	15 00
28 Bro. W. S.....	25 00
28 Mrs. J. H.....	30 00
28 Mrs. T. B.....	50 00
28 Mrs. S. D. M.....	25 00
28 Bro. J. E. R.....	75 00
28 Mrs. W. A.....	20 00
28 Mrs. J. W.....	50 00
28 Mrs. G. R.....	30 00
28 Mrs. J. S.....	20 00
28 Mrs. C. B. B.....	20 00
28 Mrs. D. S.....	10 00

August, 1908.

28 Mrs. J. S.....	10 00
28 Mrs. G. W.....	10 00
28 Mrs. J. C.....	50 00
28 Mrs. P. R. D.....	30 00
28 Mrs. W. E. S.....	15 00
28 Bro. J. S.....	75 00
28 Mrs. T. G. B.....	50 00
28 Mrs. C. B.....	10 00
28 Bro. E. G.....	75 00
28 Mrs. G. S.....	25 00
28 Orphans C. M.....	30 00
28 Mrs. J. F.....	50 00
28 Mrs. E. H. R.....	40 00
28 Miss M. L.....	20 00
28 Mrs. J. A.....	25 00
28 Mrs. J. S.....	20 00
28 Mrs. J. A. P.....	25 00
28 Mrs. J. R.....	50 00
28 Mrs. N. M. C.....	20 00
28 Mrs. C. M.....	50 00
28 Mrs. J. A.....	50 00
28 Mrs. H. G. G.....	35 00
28 Mrs. J. McC.....	20 00
28 Bro. G. W. A. P.....	75 00
28 Bro. M. L. M.....	75 00
28 Mrs. J. P.....	30 00
28 Bro. J. C.....	50 00
28 Bro. R. A.....	50 00
28 Mrs. W. J.....	30 00
28 Mrs. J. A.....	50 00
28 Mrs. R. G.....	10 00
28 Miss H. S.....	30 00
28 Mrs. W. C.....	25 00
28 Bro. T. W.....	75 00
28 Miss A. M. V.....	20 00
28 Bro. A. B.....	50 00
28 Mrs. C. A. C.....	25 00
28 Mrs. L. N.....	35 00
28 Mrs. A. S.....	50 00
28 Mrs. R. S.....	50 00
28 Mrs. A. S.....	50 00
28 Mrs. W. R. S.....	25 00
28 Mrs. W. Y.....	50 00
28 Mrs. J. McL.....	50 00
28 Bro. W. H. L.....	75 00
28 Mrs. A. K.....	30 00
28 Mrs. E. S.....	20 00
28 Mrs. J. Z.....	20 00
28 Mrs. D. S. L.....	30 00
28 Mrs. T. B. P.....	15 00
28 Mrs. E. S.....	20 00
28 Mrs. D. McN.....	25 00
28 Mrs. D. L.....	50 00
28 Mrs. J. W.....	20 00

August, 1908.

28 Bro. F. McE.	50 00
28 Mrs. W. C.	15 00
28 Mrs. W. W. P.	35 00
28 Mrs. R. C.	20 00
28 Mrs. R. R.	40 00
28 Mrs. G. W. A.	30 00
28 Bro. R. V.	75 00
28 Mrs. R. A.	50 00
28 Mrs. E. D.	40 00
28 Bro. C. L.	15 00
28 Mrs. J. F. S.	25 00
28 Bro. T. R. W.	75 00
28 Mrs. H. R.	35 00
28 Bro. G. O. D.	75 00
28 Mrs. J. M.	10 00
28 Mrs. F. B.	15 00
28 Mrs. W. B. S.	30 00
28 Miss S. J. A.	30 00
28 Mrs. A. A. M.	30 00
28 Bro. J. C. M.	25 00
28 Bro. F. P.	75 00
28 Bro. J. B.	75 00
28 Mrs. J. S.	30 00
28 Mrs. C. C. G.	10 00
28 Mrs. W. H. E.	40 00
28 Mrs. W. J. W.	40 00
28 Bro. G. A. E. C. ..	40 00
28 Mrs. A. A. N.	25 00
28 Bro. A. M. C.	75 00
28 Mrs. S. R.	40 00
28 Mrs. J. E. E.	15 00
28 Orph. C. A. E. W. C.	15 00
28 Mrs. R. A. P.	30 00
28 Miss A. M. R.	25 00
28 Dau. L. C. K.	25 00
28 Bro. W. McK.	25 00
28 Bro. J. C.	50 00
28 Bro. S. C. D.	75 00
28 Mrs. B. C.	50 00
28 Mrs. O. C.	50 00
28 Mrs. A. F.	20 00
28 Mrs. L. M. L.	20 00
28 Mrs. F. S.	20 00
28 Mrs. J. C.	20 00
28 Mrs. A. C.	30 00
28 Bro. L. N. F.	50 00
28 Bro. G. R. McL. ..	75 00
28 Bro. V. A.	75 00
28 Bro. P. W. M.	50 00
28 Bro. T. P.	50 00
28 Mrs. M. McC.	50 00
28 Mrs. A. H. C.	50 00
28 Mrs. R. E.	15 00
28 Mrs. A. B.	50 00

August, 1908.

28 Bro. W. A. K.	25 00
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September

19 Mrs. C. C. C.	50 00
21 Miss M. W.	75 00
21 Mrs. T. W. H.	75 00
21 Miss M. H. H.	18 75
30 Mrs. R. K.	50 00
30 Bro. F. D.	50 00

October

2 Mrs. W. A. T.	50 00
8 Mrs. J. T.	50 00
16 Bro. G. K.	50 00
18 Mrs. R. N. B.	50 00

November.

18 Miss A. W.	50 00
18 Mrs. J. D. R.	30 00
18 Children Mrs. J. S.	30 00

December.

19 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
19 Miss M. H. H.	18 75
19 Miss M. W.	75 00

January 1909.

11 Mrs. J. E. H.	50 00
11 Bro. B. R. S.	50 00
15 Bro. E. G.	50 00

February

9 Mrs. G. S. M.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. V.	20 00
9 Mrs. W. C. S.	35 00
9 Mrs. A. S.	15 00
9 Miss C. P.	25 00
9 Miss U. P.	25 00
9 Mrs. R.	40 00
9 Mrs. W. J. W.	25 00
9 Mrs. G. R. B.	30 00
9 Bro. W. G.	75 00
9 Mrs. J. J.	35 00
9 Mrs. A. McP.	15 00
9 Mrs. G. P.	40 00
9 Mrs. R. A. K.	25 00
9 Mrs. T. H. W.	25 00
9 Mrs. W. A. D.	50 00
9 Mrs. R. G.	30 00
9 Mrs. H. C. E. C. ..	25 00
9 Mrs. C. A.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. C.	50 00
9 Mrs. A. S. D.	25 00
9 Mrs. E. H.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. H.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. K.	35 00
9 Mrs. R. M. K.	25 00
9 Mrs. T. F. McD. ..	25 00
9 Mrs. J. A. M.	15 00
9 Mrs. A. M.	20 00

February, 1909..

9 Mrs. W. C.	40 00
9 Mrs. G. H. H.	25 00
9 Bro. J. B. S.	50 00
9 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00
9 Mrs. G. S.	20 00
9 Mrs. R. W.	15 00
9 Mrs. E. O. S.	40 00
9 Miss M. D.	35 00
9 Mrs. J. M.	30 00
9 Mrs. J. T.	10 00
9 Mrs. W. J. A.	20 00
9 Bro. E. H. B.	75 00
9 Bro. W. McC.	30 00
9 Mrs. J. W.	25 00
9 Mrs. W. P.	20 00
9 Mrs. T. E.	20 00
9 Misses A. and B. F.	50 00
9 Mrs. H. G.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. H.	10 00
9 Mrs. H. L. K.	25 00
9 Mrs. W. T.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. W.	20 00
9 Mrs. T. H.	25 00
9 Mrs. T. McL.	35 00
9 Mrs. J. K.	25 00
9 Bro. D. W. V.	50 00
9 Mrs. J. A.	25 00
9 Mrs. G. C.	20 00
9 Mrs. W. H. H.	20 00
9 Mrs. A. J.	20 00
9 Mrs. E. M.	20 00
9 Mrs. W. J. S.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. LeC.	15 00
9 Mrs. W. P.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. W.	15 00
9 Mrs. J. L. Y.	10 00
9 Mrs. T. B.	15 00
9 Mrs. J. E. M.	50 00
9 Mrs. W. A.W.	20 00
9 Mrs. W. A.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. E.	20 00
9 Mrs. P. G.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. H.	20 00
9 Mrs. F. McC.	35 00
9 Mrs. W. B.	20 00
9 Mrs. D. G.	25 00
9 Mrs. W. R. S.	15 00
9 Mrs. F. G. F.	20 00
9 Mrs. E. K.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. W. McD.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. M.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. G. S. R.	10 00
9 Mrs. J. B.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. F.	30 00

February, 1909..

9 Mrs. W. L.	10 00
9 Mrs. A. H.	15 00
9 Mrs. H. H.	20 00
9 Mrs. W. M. H.	40 00
9 Mrs. F. G. B.	20 00
9 Mrs. T. J. B.	20 00
9 Mrs. S. M. D.	20 00
9 Mrs. A. L.	25 00
9 Bro. S. L.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. McK.	15 00
9 Mrs. C. W. M.	20 00
9 Mrs. A. M.	10 00
9 Mrs. W. M.	10 00
9 Mrs. T. S. S.	10 00
9 Mrs. W. B.	20 00
9 Bro. R. H. G.	12 00
9 Mrs. H. C.	20 00
9 Mrs. C. C.	50 00
9 Mrs. C. D. McD.	35 00
9 Mrs. G. H. N.	25 00
9 Mrs. M. Y.	15 00
9 Mrs. W. M.	35 00
9 Mrs. F. C.	10 00
9 Bro. H. O. H.	75 00
9 Mrs. J. G.	15 00
9 Mrs. E. B.	20 00
9 Mrs. R. C.	25 00
9 Mrs. W. H. S.	20 00
9 Mrs. G. S.	25 00
9 Mrs. L. Y.	20 00
9 Mrs. T. A.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. L. H.	15 00
9 Bro. J. H.	75 00
9 Mrs. W. J.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. J. T.	20 00
9 Mrs. F. F. M.	15 00
9 Mrs. F. S. B.	20 00
9 Bro. A. E. B.	75 00
9 Bro. T. G.	75 00
9 Mrs. R. D. M.	25 00
9 Mrs. G. T. P.	20 00
9 Mrs. T. G. T.	15 00
9 Mrs. D. H. W.	20 00
9 Mrs. E. A. W.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. M.	10 00
9 Mrs. A. R. P.	40 00
9 Mrs. T. G.	30 00
9 Mrs. E. E.W.	40 00
9 Mrs. R. H. D.	25 00
9 Miss E. E.	20 00
9 Mrs. G. F. F.	40 00
9 Mrs. R. H.	10 00
9 Mrs. J. McK.	25 00
9 Mrs. T. R.	20 00

February, 1909..

9 Mrs. A. W.	25 00
9 Mrs. S. R.	15 00
9 Mrs. J. R. L. S. .	15 00
9 Mrs. A. B.	50 00
9 Mrs. G. H. B.	30 00
9 Mrs. E. O.	30 00
9 Bro. C. J. A.	75 00
9 Bro. A. W. B.	50 00
9 Mrs. F. D.	40 00
9 Mrs. A. G.	15 00
9 Bro. R. P.	75 00
9 Mrs. J. W. H.	20 00
9 Mrs. H. S. J.	20 00
9 Mrs. H. McG.	20 00
9 Mrs. G. M. McL. .	40 00
9 Mrs. G. H. N.	20 00
9 Mrs. R. C.	50 00
9 Mrs. F. W. S.	40 00
9 Mrs. P. P.	25 00
9 Mrs. M. McL.	35 00
9 Bro. J. T. T.	25 00
9 Mrs. W. E. H.	50 00
9 Bro. D. B. M.	75 00
9 Mrs. S. B.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. B.	20 00
9 Bro. M. P. C.	75 00
9 Mrs. W. C.	15 00
9 Mrs. W. H. B.	25 00
9 Bro. M. G. R.	75 00
9 Miss M. W.	30 00
9 Mrs. F. M. B.	40 00
9 Mrs. H. H.	35 00
9 Mrs. J. M.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. S.	25 00
9 Bro. J. McL.	75 00
9 Mrs. W. T. W.	20 00
9 Mrs. A. C.	20 00
9 Mrs. S. N. C.	50 00
9 Mrs. J. A.	20 00
9 Miss A. C.	50 00
9 Bro. J. F.	50 00
9 Mrs. H. A. C.	30 00
9 Mrs. J. B.	40 00
9 Mrs. R. A. D.	40 00
9 Mrs. G. E. P.	40 00
9 Mrs. J. S. B.	25 00
9 Mrs. S. S. R.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. B. W.	40 00
9 Mrs. L. R.	40 00
9 Bro. B. B.	75 00
9 Mrs. T. H. S.	40 00
9 Bro. A. C.	75 00
9 Mrs. H. E.	25 00
9 Mrs. A. DeP.	30 00

February, 1909..

9 Mrs. A. K.	15 00
9 Bro. A. S.	50 00
9 Mrs. E. W.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. B. U.	25 00
9 Mrs. C. A.	20 00
9 Mrs. E. K.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. W.	30 00
9 Mrs. D. L. C.	20 00
9 Mrs. B. E.	30 00
9 Mrs. A. C.	40 00
9 Bro. W. A. D.	75 00
9 Bro. J. L.	50 00
9 Mrs. H. A. E.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. J. S.	25 00
9 Mrs. W. J. C.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. E. H.	50 00
9 Bro. G. C.	50 00
9 Bro. F. McM.	75 00
9 Bro. J. M.	30 00
9 Bro. J. K.	75 00
9 Mrs. R. C.	40 00
9 Mrs. J. D. R.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. J. B.	20 00
9 Mrs. D. R.	40 00
9 Mrs. J. E.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. F. R.	40 00
9 Mrs. W. R. A.	20 00
9 Mrs. A. C. C.	15 00
9 Mrs. G. O. F.	25 00
9 Mrs. G. G.	20 00
9 Mrs. W. E. K.	20 00
9 Mrs. M. J. L.	20 00
9 Mrs. S. T.	40 00
9 Bro. J. A. S.	15 00
9 Mrs. P. F.	20 00
9 Orphans J. G. L. .	30 00
9 Mrs. C. G.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. T. J.	15 00
9 Mrs. J. C.	30 00
9 Mrs. R. L.	15 00
9 Bro. Wm. S.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. H.	30 00
9 Mrs. T. B.	50 00
9 Mrs. S. D. M.	25 00
9 Bro. J. E. R.	75 00
9 Bro. W. A.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. W.	50 00
9 Mrs. G. R.	30 00
9 Mrs. J. S.	20 00
9 Mrs. C. B. B.	20 00
9 Mrs. D. S.	10 00
9 Mrs. J. S.	10 00
9 Mrs. G. W.	10 00
9 Mrs. J. C.	50 00

February, 1909..

9 Mrs. P. R. D.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. E. S.	15 00
9 Bro. J. S.	75 00
9 Mrs. T. G. B.	50 00
9 Mrs. C. B.	10 00
9 Bro. E. G.	75 00
9 Mrs. G. S.	25 00
9 Orphans C. M.	30 00
9 Mrs. J. F.	50 00
9 Mrs. M. L.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. A. MacI. ..	25 00
9 Mrs. J. S.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. A. P.	25 00
9 Mrs. J. R.	50 00
9 Mrs. N. M. C.	20 00
9 Mrs. C. M.	50 00
9 Mrs. J. A.	50 00
9 Mrs. H. G. G.	35 00
9 Mrs. J. McC.	20 00
9 Bro. G. W. A. P. ..	75 00
9 Bro. M. L. M.	75 00
9 Bro. J. P.	30 00
9 Mrs. J. C.	50 00
9 Mrs. R. A.	50 00
9 Mrs. W. E. J.	50 00
9 Mrs. J. A.	50 00
9 Mrs. R. G.	10 00
9 Miss H. S.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. C.	25 00
9 Bro. T. W.	75 00
9 Miss A. M. V.	20 00
9 Bro. A. B.	50 00
9 Mrs. C. A. C.	25 00
9 Mrs. L. N.	35 00
9 Mrs. A. S.	50 00
9 Mrs. R. L. S.	50 00
9 Mrs. A. S.	50 00
9 Mrs. W. R. S.	25 00
9 Mrs. W. Y.	50 00
9 Mrs. J. McL.	50 00
9 Bro. W. H. L.	75 00
9 Mrs. A. K.	30 00
9 Mrs. W. S.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. Z.	20 00
9 Mrs. T. B. P.	15 00
9 Mrs. J. S.	30 00
9 Mrs. E. S.	20 00
9 Mrs. D. McN.	25 00
9 Mrs. D. L.	50 00
9 Mrs. J. W.	20 00
9 Bro. F. McE.	50 00
9 Mrs. W. C.	15 00
9 Mrs. W. W. P.	35 00
9 Mrs. R. C.	20 00

February, 1909..

9 Mrs. R. R.	40 00
9 Mrs. G. W. A.	30 00
9 Bro. R. V.	75 00
9 Mrs. R. A.	50 00
9 Mrs. E. D.	40 00
9 Bro. C. L.	15 00
9 Mrs. J. F. S.	25 00
9 Bro. T. R. W.	75 00
9 Mrs. H. R.	35 00
9 Bro. G. O. D.	75 00
9 Mrs. J. M.	10 00
9 Mrs. F. B.	15 00
9 Mrs. W. B. S.	30 00
9 Miss S. J. A.	30 00
9 Mrs. A. A. M.	30 00
9 Bro. J. C. M.	25 00
9 Bro. F. P.	75 00
9 Bro. J. B.	75 00
9 Mrs. J. S.	30 00
9 Mrs. C. C. G.	10 00
9 Mrs. W. H. E.	40 00
9 Mrs. W. J. W.	40 00
9 Bro. G. A. F. C. ..	40 00
9 Mrs. A. A. N.	25 00
9 Bro. A. M. C.	75 00
9 Mrs. S. R.	40 00
9 Mrs. J. E. E.	15 00
9 Orphs. C.A.E.W.C.	15 00
9 Mrs. R. A. P.	30 00
9 Miss A. M. R.	25 00
9 Miss P. K.	25 00
9 Bro. W. McK.	25 00
9 Bro. J. C.	50 00
9 Bro. S. C. D.	75 00
9 Mrs. B. C.	50 00
9 Mrs. P. C.	50 00
9 Mrs. A. F.	20 00
9 Mrs. L. M. L.	20 00
9 Mrs. F. S.	20 00
9 Mrs. J. C.	20 00
9 Mrs. A. C.	30 00
9 Bro. H. C. E. C. ..	25 00
9 Bro. G. R. McL. ..	75 00
9 Bro. V. A.	75 00
9 Mrs. P. W. M.	50 00
9 Mrs. T. P.	50 00
9 Mrs. M. McC.	50 00
9 Mrs. A. H. C.	50 00
9 Mrs. R. E.	15 00
9 Mrs. A. B.	50 00
9 Bro. W. A. K.	25 00

March

4 Mrs. E. W.	40 00
24 Mrs. W. G. M.	30 00

March.		April.	
24 Miss M. W.	75 00	2 Bro. S. W. N. ..	40 00
24 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00	May.	
24 Miss M. H. H.	18 75	10 Bro. J. M.	50 00
			\$24,472 00
Less old cheques, not presented for payment			110 00
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			\$24,362 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ending 31st May, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

To balance at the credit of the account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1908	\$2,202.28
To amount received from Grand Secretary during the year ending May 31st, 1909	7,657.61
To interest on investments	1,870.04
To interest on bank deposits	55.94
To dividend on Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Stock, value \$100, standing in name of and held by Grand Secretary	5.00
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	\$11,790.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

By purchase Town of Ingersoll Debentures.....	\$ 913.50
“ “ Town of Seaforth Debentures.....	4,139.53
“ “ City of Owen Sound Debentures.....	2,227.20
“ “ City of Berlin Debentures.....	1,560.60
“ Benevolent grants per annexed list	2,010.00
“ J. B. Nixon, on account	100.00
“ balance in bank	\$3,457.24
“ less outstanding cheques	2,668.20
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	783.04
“ repaid St. John's Lodge over paid on subscription	51.00
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	\$11,790.87

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND
Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1909

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear- ing %.	Yield- ing %.		
DEBENTURES				
Berlin, City of.....	5	4½	\$ 1,526 95	\$ 1,462 88
East Toronto, Town of	5	5½	1,600 08	1,635 12
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1,695 60	2,000 00
Ingersoll, Town of.	4	5	891 60	1,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	1,019 60	1,000 00
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	5,272 13	5,272 13
Ottawa, City of.....	5	4	10,529 00	10,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of...	4½	5	940 10	1,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of...	5	4¼	2,200 80	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of ...	3	4	1,693 20	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of ...	4	5	907 90	1,000 00
St. Catharines, City of...	4	4¼	5,141 74	5,319 96
Saltfleet, Township.....	5	4¾	4,119 22	4,000 00
Seaforth, Town of.....	5	4¾	4,105 56	4,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4	4,830 50	5,000 00
Woodstock, City of.....	4½	4.05	4,240 00	4,000 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall ..		5	100 00	100 00
Association Stock.				
			\$50,813 98	\$50,790 09

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce 31st

May, 1909..... \$3,457 24

Less outstanding cheques..... 2,668 20

789 04

\$51,579 13

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer

Examined and certified to as being correct,

HARRY VIGEON,

June 18th, 1909

Chartered Accountant

1908 - 1909

Payments by the Grand Treasurer on Account of
Benevolence, Semi-Centennial Fund

June	1908.	May	1909.
26 Bro. G. W. L.	50 00	22 Bro. W. G.	20 00
December.		22 Mrs. J. K.	10 00
31 Bro. W. G.	20 00	22 Bro. E. H. B.	25 00
31 Mrs. J. K.	10 00	22 Mrs. J. E. M.	45 00
31 Bro. E. H. B.	25 00	22 Mrs. C. C.	25 00
31 Mrs. J. E. M.	25 00	22 Bro. H. O. H.	25 00
31 Bro. R. H. G.	20 00	22 Bro. A. E. B.	45 00
31 Miss. C. C.	25 00	22 Bro. T. G.	45 00
31 Bro. H. O. H.	25 00	22 Mrs. W. E. H.	30 00
31 Bro. A. E. B.	25 00	22 Bro. M. G. R.	25 00
31 Bro. T. G.	25 00	22 Miss A. M. C.	20 00
31 Mrs. W. E. H.	20 00	22 Bro. B. B.	60 00
31 Bro. M. G. R.	25 00	22 Bro. W. A. D.	60 00
31 Miss A. C.	20 00	22 Bro. F. McM.	60 00
31 Bro. B. B.	40 00	22 Mrs. T. B.	20 00
31 Bro. W. A. D.	40 00	22 Bro. J. E. R.	60 00
31 Bro. F. McM.	40 00	22 Mrs. J. F.	35 00
31 Mrs. T. B.	20 00	22 Mrs. J. R.	20 00
31 Bro. J. E. R.	40 00	22 Mrs. J. A.	20 00
31 Mrs. J. F.	25 00	22 Mrs. A. S.	20 00
31 Mrs. J. R.	20 00	22 Mrs. A. S.	20 00
31 Mrs. J. A.	20 00	22 Mrs. J. McL.	20 00
31 Mrs. A. S.	20 00	22 Bro. R. V.	25 00
31 Mrs. J. McL.	20 00	22 Bro. T. R. W.	60 00
31 Bro. R. V.	25 00	22 Bro. G. O. D.	25 00
31 Bro. T. R. W.	40 00	22 Bro. F. P.	40 00
31 Bro. G. O. D.	25 00	22 Mrs. J. B.	60 00
31 Bro. F. P.	40 00	22 Mrs. S. R.	20 00
31 Bro. J. B.	40 00	22 Mrs. A. B.	25 00
31 Mrs. S. R.	20 00	22 Mrs. B. C.	25 00
31 Mrs. A. B.	25 00	22 Bro. T. P.	40 00
31 Mrs. A. S.	25 00	22 Bro. T. W.	20 00
31 Mrs. B. C.	25 00	22 Bro. W. H. L.	20 00
31 Bro. T. P.	40 00	22 Bro. G. R. McL. ..	20 00

 \$2,010 00

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st May, 1909, including the following statements, viz:

A Statement of Receipts from various sources on General Account; details of payments thereof to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of the Expenditure for the year; details of the Returns of lodges as at 24th June, 1909, and details of ledger balances as at 31st May, 1909, a statement of receipts and payments to the Grand Treasurer, on account of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund; a Statement of the amounts contributed to the fund by lodges, and from other sources, showing the details of receipts on Capital Account for the year, the aggregates from each lodge from the commencement of the fund to 31st May, 1909, and the quota of each lodge; and a Statement of the receipts and disbursements for the year on the S. C. B. Fund Revenue Account. Also a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved, and other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Certificates	\$ 315 50
Dues	20,195 50
Fees	8,893 50
Dispensations	466 00
Warrants	40 00
Constitutions, etc.	875 55
Commutation of dues.....	945 00
Miscellaneous	751 10

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account, as follows:

Canadian Savings & Loan.....	\$ 206 24
Central Canada Loan & Savings.....	600 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan.....	618 75
Landed Banking & Loan.....	437 50
Ontario Loan & Debenture.....	206 25

City of Brantford.....	320 00	
Town of Brockville.....	120 00	
Town of Brockville.....	201 34	
Town of Brockville.....	204 83	
Town of Berlin.....	276 15	
City of Hamilton.....	120 00	
Town of Kincardine.....	25 00	
City of Port Arthur.....	50 00	
City of St. Thomas.....	485 95	
City of Toronto.....	170 32	
City of Toronto.....	196 94	
Town of Woodstock.....	420 00	
Bank Account	305 18	
		4,964 45
		<u>\$37,446 60</u>
Town of Woodstock, debentures redeemed....	\$7,000 00	
Town of Brockville, debentures redeemed.....	329 65	
		7,329 65
		<u>\$44,776.25</u>

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER

1908

June 13	Deposit	\$ 188 25	
" 20	"	727 00	
" 25	"	1,042 35	
" 26	"	1,152 50	
" 30	"	2,334 00	
" 30	"	1,085 15	
			\$ 6,529 25
July 2	Deposit	\$1,723 75	
" 2	"	982 08	
" 6	"	2,151 00	
" 8	"	2,013 30	
" 11	"	1,327 75	
" 22	"	1,808 00	
" 22	"	60 00	
" 31	"	133 25	
			10,199 13
Aug. 15	Deposit	\$ 405 30	
" 15	"	25 00	
" 31	"	357 50	
			787 80
Sept. 23	Deposit	\$ 563 50	
" 28	"	735 82	
" 30	"	27 00	
			1,326 32
Oct. 1	Deposit	\$ 160 00	
" 13	"	280 25	
" 23	"	240 55	
" 31	"	144 00	
			824 80

1908.

Nov.	4	Deposit	.....\$	734	37	
"	25	"	.....	412	00	
"	30	"	.....	18	95	
"	30	Interest	.....	193	35	
						1,358 67
Dec.	12	Deposit	.....\$	503	75	
"	23	"	.....	278	75	
"	29	"	.....	442	00	
"	31	"	.....	861	20	
						2,085 70

1909.

Jan.	2	Deposit	.....\$	1,036	13	
"	2	"	.....	7,000	00	
"	2	"	.....	868	05	
"	6	"	.....	1,005	25	
"	9	"	.....	1,161	10	
"	13	"	.....	1,652	00	
"	16	"	.....	850	00	
"	23	"	.....	938	25	
"	30	"	.....	60	00	
"	30	"	.....	603	00	
						15,173 78
Feb.	9	Deposit	.....\$	25	00	
"	9	"	.....	827	75	
"	17	"	.....	667	25	
"	27	"	.....	688	35	
						2,208 35
Mar.	5	Deposit	.....\$	597	25	
"	12	"	.....	683	90	
"	20	"	.....	235	85	
"	31	"	.....	529	25	
						2,046 25
Apr.	1	Deposit	.....\$	436	15	
"	30	"	.....	228	20	
						664 35
May	1	Deposit	.....\$	734	37	
"	18	"	.....	459	25	
"	31	"	.....	266	40	
"	31	Interest	.....	111	83	
						1,571 85
						<u>\$44,776 25</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

Year Ending May 31st, 1909

Salary of Grand Treasurer, E. T. Malone, to 31st March, 1909	\$ 200 00
Salary of Grand Secretary, R. L. Gunn, to 31st March, 1909	2,000 00
Salary of Auditor, H. Vigeon, to 31st March, 1909....	325 00
Salaries of Office Staff to 31st May, 1909.....	2,120 00
Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk, to 31st May, 1909	800 00
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's Office.....	826 03
Printing and Stationery.....	3,782 39
Certificates and Warrants.....	1,623 75
Telephone service	57 00
Insurance on Furniture, Books and Regalia, and Bond of the Grand Secretary.....	90 50
Safety deposit box rental, Toronto General Trusts Corporation	25 00
Office Rent, Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	460 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Niagara Falls.....	1,661 90
Expenses of Commissions.....	172 50
Travelling expenses of M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, G.M., on account	300 00
Postage and stationery, President of "B. of G. P." and Chairman of "Benevolence".....	22 28
Inspection of Benevolent Grants.....	750 00
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, two years	300 00
Masonic Relief Association, membership fees, two years	409 38
Portrait of Grand Master.....	8 00
Letter-fyle cabinet, for Deputy Grand Master.....	29 15
Photographing undress regalia.....	24 50
Accrued interest on Town of Berlin debentures.....	43 40
Grant to Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Italy, for relief of the sufferers by the earthquake on 28th December, 1908	1,000 00
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	\$17,031 33
Grants for Benevolence.....	24,362 00
Debenture Investments during the year:	
Town of Berlin, bearing 5%, purchased to yield $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	
Face value	\$7,299 24
Premium	180 29
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	7,479 53
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	\$48,872 86
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SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

RECEIPTS ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Contributions from lodges, per detailed statement annexed \$7,657 61

RECEIPTS ON REVENUE ACCOUNT

Interest on investments and bank account, per detailed statement annexed 1,930 98

\$9,588 59

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER

1908

June	10	.....	\$ 620 47
"	20	.....	122 00
"	25	.....	241 00
"	26	.....	299 47
"	30	.....	863 32
July	6	.....	953 00
"	11	.....	467 50
"	22	.....	241 50
"	31	.....	177 00
Aug.	31	.....	52 00
Sept.	28	.....	472 00
Oct.	23	.....	106 50
"	31	.....	42 00
Nov.	30	.....	35 55
"	30	.....	285 56
Dec.	12	.....	61 50
"	31	.....	452 24

1909

Jan.	2	.....	477 55
"	16	.....	174 00
"	30	.....	206 50
Feb.	12	.....	468 50
"	27	.....	86 89
Mar.	20	.....	550 00
"	31	.....	38 50
Apr.	16	.....	219 00
"	30	.....	200 00
May	26	.....	1,174 65
"	26	.....	226 00
"	31	.....	254 00
"	31	.....	20 39

\$9,588 59

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND
Statement of Contributions received from Lodges to May 31, 1909

(Lodges marked with an asterisk have contributed the full amount asked for, or more.)

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
			\$		\$	\$
2	Niagara	Niagara	60 00		60 00	195 00
3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston	269 75		269 75	465 00
5	Sussex	Brockville	192 50	97 50	290 00	561 00
*6	Barton	Hamilton	1,105 80		1,105 80	924 00
7	Union	Grimsby	72 00	23 00	95 00	222 00
9	Union	Napanee	171 00	15 00	186 00	309 00
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	49 00	237 00	286 00	330 00
11	Moir	Belleville	11 12		11 12	513 00
14	True Britons	Perth	10 00		10 00	273 00
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	20 00		20 00	312 00
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	100 00	266 00	366 00	930 00
17	St. John's	Cobourg	13 00		13 00	255 00
18	Prince Edward	Pictou	249 50		249 50	663 00
20	St. John's	London	130 00	76 47	206 47	438 00
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	56 00		56 00	213 00
*22	King Solomon's	Toronto	461 50	231 50	693 00	693 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	78 75		78 75	114 00
*24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	311 82	80 68	392 50	390 00
*25	Ionic	Toronto	1,146 59		1,146 59	735 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
26	Ontario	Port Hope	266 15	5 75	271 90	330 00
*27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	1,041 15		1,041 15	1,023 00
28	Mt. Zion	Kemptville		47 00	47 00	141 00
29	United	Brighton		25 00	25 00	303 00
30	Composite	Whitby	154 55	22 00	176 55	219 00
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	207 00		207 00	223 00
32	Amity	Dunnville	20 00		20 00	232 00
33	Maitland	Goderich	82 14	18 00	100 14	381 00
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	1 00	72 00	73 00	192 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga	84 00		84 00	136 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	100 00	100 00	200 00	252 00
38	Trent	Trenton	81 50	88 50	170 00	270 00
39	Mt. Zion	Brooklin	23 00		23 00	78 00
*40	St. John's	Hamilton	1,201 00		1,201 00	1,143 00
41	St. George's	Kingsville	29 00		29 00	297 00
42	St. George's	London	77 00		77 00	261 00
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	74 00		74 00	366 00
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	152 00	31 00	183 00	597 00
45	Brant	Brantford	75 00	110 00	185 00	531 00
46	Wellington	Chatham	88 00		88 00	483 00
47	Great Western	Windsor	152 00	38 00	190 00	726 00
48	Madoc	Madoc		10 00	10 00	321 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro, 1904
50	Consecon	Consecon				120 00
*52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	219 00	377 00	596 00	456 00
54	Vaughan	Maple	41 00		41 00	114 00
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	40 00		40 00	237 00
56	Victoria	Sarnia	369 00	62 00	431 00	537 00
57	Harmony	Binbrook	37 00	8 00	45 00	168 00
*58	Doric	Ottawa	418 00		418 00	343 00
*61	Acacia	Hamilton	1,120 05		1,120 05	939 00
*62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	41 00	114 00	155 00	138 00
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	304 00		304 00	450 00
64	Kilwinning	London	101 00		101 00	552 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	135 00	36 00	171 00	819 00
66	Durham	Newcastle	28 00		28 00	60 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	9 00		9 00	243 00
69	Stirling	Stirling	12 00		12 00	201 00
72	Alma	Galt				363 00
73	St. James'	St. Mary's				231 00
74	St. James'	South Augusta	53 00	52 00	105 00	165 00
75	St. John's	Toronto	407 00	44 00	451 00	618 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	89 50	16 00	105 50	405 00
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	343 00		343 00	351 00
78	King Hiram	Tillsonburg				399 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
79	Simcoe	Bradford				201 00
81	St. John's	Mt. Brydges				177 00
82	St. John's	Paris	32 00		32 00	186 00
83	Beaver	Strathroy	75 00		75 00	279 00
84	Clinton	Clinton				204 00
85	Rising Sun	Athens				180 00
86	Wilson	Toronto	440 00	94 00	534 00	603 00
87	Markham Union	Markham	76 00		76 00	141 00
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	387 00		387 00	405 00
90	Manito	Collingwood				465 00
*91	Colborne	Colborne	271 00		271 00	246 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	293 00		293 00	438 00
93	Northern Light	Kincardine	162 00	81 00	243 00	258 00
94	St. Mark's	Port Stanley	53 00		53 00	132 00
*96	Corinthian	Barrie	510 00		510 00	510 00
97	Sharon	Queensville	120 00		120 00	159 00
98	True Blue	Bolton	6 50		6 50	183 00
99	Tuscan	Newmarket				204 00
100	Valley	Dundas	179 00		179 00	294 00
*101	Corinthian	Peterboro'	363 00		363 00	363 00
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	23 00		23 00	423 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	164 00	3 00	167 00	231 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contribu- tions to May 31, 1908.	Contribu- tions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contribu- tions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of member- ship, G. L. Pro., 1904
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	48 00	110 00	158 00	258 00
106	Burford	Burford				213 00
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	27 05		27 05	204 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton	47 00		47 00	87 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	74 00		74 00	198 00
110	Central	Prescott	276 00		276 00	312 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	289 00		289 00	303 00
114	Hope	Port Hope	79 00	27 00	106 00	283 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville	62 25		62 25	267 00
116	Cassia	Thedford	10 00	17 00	27 00	111 00
118	Union	Schomberg	15 00		15 00	57 00
*119	Maple Leaf	Bath	158 00		158 00	123 00
120	Warren	Fingal	30 00		30 00	150 00
121	Doric	Brantford	297 50	24 50	322 00	735 00
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	133 00		133 00	351 00
123	Belleville	Belleville	31 00		31 00	435 00
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	89 00		89 00	303 00
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford		50 00	50 00	123 00
127	Franck	Frankford	77 00	5 00	82 00	261 00
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	387 00		387 00	426 00
129	Rising Sun	Aurora	58 50	121 50	180 00	198 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	64 00		64 00	195 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
*133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	249 00		249 00	249 00
135	St. Clair	Milton	25 00		25 00	228 00
136	Richardson	Stouffville	42 00	3 00	45 00	159 00
*137	Pythagoras	Meaford	279 00		279 00	273 00
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	94 00	56 00	150 00	204 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	161 00		161 00	315 00
141	Tudor	Mitchell	45 00	50 00	95 00	135 00
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg		3 00	3 00	201 00
143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	105 00		105 00	282 00
144	Tecumseh	Stratford				408 00
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	67 50		67 50	150 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	27 00		27 00	138 00
147	Mississippi	Almonte	159 00		159 00	246 00
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	178 00	17 00	195 00	294 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	29 00		29 00	171 00
151	Grand River	Berlin	70 00		70 00	381 00
153	Burns	Wyoming				258 00
154	Irving	Lucan				231 00
*155	Peterboro'	Peterboro'	448 50	128 00	576 50	549 00
156	York	North Toronto	119 00		119 00	291 00
157	Simpson	Newboro'	12 00		12 00	195 00
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	48 50		48 50	183 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1903.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
159	Goodwood	Richmond	69 00	75 00	144 00	198 00
161	Percy	Warkworth	20 00	31 00	51 00	216 00
162	Forest	Wroxeter				114 00
164	Star in the East	Wellington	102 00	6 00	103 00	231 00
*165	Burlington	Burlington	95 00	148 00	243 00	243 00
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	53 00		53 00	303 00
168	Merritt	Welland	68 00		68 00	246 00
169	Macnab	Port Colborne	174 00		174 00	183 00
170	Britannia	Seaforth	18 00	33 00	56 00	273 00
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Station	9 50		9 50	141 00
172	Ayr	Ayr	14 00		14 00	75 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	25 00		25 00	163 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	229 00		229 00	483 00
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	3 00		3 00	117 00
180	Speed	Guelph	163 60		163 60	219 00
181	Oriental	Port Burwell				99 00
184	Old Light	Lacknow				246 00
185	Enniskillen	York		11 00		87 00
186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	41 00		52 00	117 00
190	Belmont	Belmont				132 00
192	Orillia	Orillia	395 00		395 00	405 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	14 00		14 00	195 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	3 00		3 00	223 00
195	Tuscan	London	68 00		63 00	228 00
*196	Madawaska	Arnprior	300 00		300 00	291 00
197	Saugeen	Walkerton	84 00	3 00	87 00	165 00
200	St. Alban's	Mt. Forest	40 00	26 00	66 00	186 00
201	Leeds	Gananoque	300 50		300 50	375 00
203	Irving	Elora	50 00		50 00	159 00
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	67 00	3 00	70 00	108 00
207	Lancaster	Lancaster				189 00
209a	St. John's	London	253 50		253 50	732 00
209	Evergreen	Lanark				150 00
212	Elysian	Garden Island	16 00		16 00	57 00
215	Lake	Ameliasburg				174 00
217	Harris	Orangeville	196 00		196 00	426 00
216	Frederick	Delhi	1 00		1 00	186 00
218	Stevenson	Toronto	97 00		97 00	681 00
219	Credit	Georgetown	126 00		126 00	252 00
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	27 00		27 00	249 00
221	Mountain	Thorold	35 00		35 00	249 00
222	Marmora	Marmora	72 00		72 00	237 00
223	Norwood	Norwood	194 00		200 00	213 00
224	Zurich	Hensall		6 00		174 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
225	Bernard	Listowel	19 00	25 00	44 00	267 00
*228	Prince Arthur	Odesa	119 00		119 00	117 00
229	Ionic	Brampton	191 00		191 00	228 00
230	Kerr	Barrie	51 00	3 00	54 00	309 00
*231	Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa	401 00		401 00	399 00
232	Cameron	Dutton		18 00	18 00	183 00
233	Doric	Parkhill				150 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	114 00	21 00	135 00	198 00
235	Aldworth	Paisley	35 00		35 00	138 00
*236	Manitoba	Cookstown	154 00		154 00	150 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	53 00		53 00	165 00
238	Havelock	Watford				207 00
239	Tweed	Tweed				201 00
242	Macy	Mallorytown	16 00	97 00	113 00	213 00
243	St. George	St. George		53 00	53 00	183 00
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	49 00	8 00	57 00	174 00
*247	Ashtar	Toronto	850 00		850 00	831 00
249	Caledonian	Midland	121 50	150 00	271 50	369 00
250	Thistle	Embro				78 00
253	Minden	Kingston	85 00		85 00	246 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	22 70		22 70	384 00
255	Sydenham	Dresden	10 00		10 00	177 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	40 00	2 00	42 00	180 00
257	Galt	Galt	102 00	177 00	279 00	360 00
*258	Guelph	Guelph	261 00		261 00	258 00
*259	Springfield	Springfield	129 00	25 00	154 00	54 00
260	Washington	Petrolia	28 00		28 00	258 00
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	30 00		30 00	75 00
262	Harriston	Harriston	17 00	15 00	32 00	261 00
263	Forest	Forest	61 00		61 00	207 00
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	158 00		158 00	357 00
265	Patterson	Thornhill	37 00		37 00	132 00
266	Northern Light	Stayner		33 00	33 00	60 00
267	Parthenon	Chatham	48 67		48 67	282 00
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon		50 00	50 00	105 00
269	Brougham Union	Claremont	3 00		3 00	147 00
270	Cedar	Oshawa	185 00		185 00	207 00
271	Wellington	Erin	39 50		39 50	144 00
272	Seymour	Ancaster	77 00		77 00	234 00
274	Kent	Blenheim	1 00		1 00	193 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	24 00		24 00	78 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	38 00		38 00	129 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler	121 00		121 00	168 00
282	Lorne	Glencoe	83 00	51 00	134 00	165 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
283	Eureka	Belleville	37 00	4 00	41 00	201 00
284	St. John's	Brussels				174 00
285	Seven Star	Alliston	28 00		28 00	189 00
286	Wingham	Wingham	237 00		237 00	246 00
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	46 00		46 00	381 00
289	Doric	Lobo	6 00	25 00	31 00	120 00
290	Leamington	Leamington	64 85		64 85	321 00
291	Dufferin	West Flamboro'	30 00		30 00	207 00
292	Robertson	King	22 00		22 00	117 00
294	Moore	Courtright	35 00		35 00	99 00
295	Conestogo	Drayton	60 00	49 00	109 00	144 00
296	Temple	St. Catharines	54 00		54 00	174 00
*297	Preston	Preston	148 00		148 00	135 00
299	Victoria	Centerville	17 00		17 00	96 00
300	Mt. Olivet	Thorndale			92 00	96 00
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	47 00		123 00	555 00
303	Blyth	Blyth	50 00		50 00	168 00
304	Minerva	Stroud	64 00	14 00	78 00	135 00
305	Humber	Weston	1 00	80 00	81 00	183 00
306	Durham	Durham	71 00		71 00	147 00
307	Arkona	Arkona	6 00	3 00	9 00	111 00
309	Morning Star	Carlow				150 00

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge				120 00
312	Phyx	Wallaceburg	161 00	20 00	181 00	258 00
313	Clementi	Lakefield	79 00		79 00	183 00
314	Blair	Palmerston	51 00		51 00	159 00
*315	Clifford	Clifford	19 00	65 00	84 00	84 00
316	Doric	Toronto	85 00		85 00	786 00
318	Wilnot	Baden	26 00		26 00	105 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville				108 00
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	48 00		48 00	255 00
321	Walker	Action	64 50		64 50	150 00
*322	North Star	Owen Sound	242 00	121 00	363 00	357 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	47 25	13 00	60 25	180 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	167 00	116 00	283 00	906 00
325	Orono	Orono	99 00		99 00	105 00
*326	Zetland	Toronto	1,200 00	101 50	1,301 50	1,236 00
327	The Hammond	Wardsville		21 00	21 00	66 00
328	Ionic	Napier		23 00	23 00	117 00
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	19 00		19 00	162 00
330	Corinthian	London	100 00	6 00	106 00	324 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	58 00		58 00	114 00
332	Stratford	Stratford	282 00		282 00	495 00
*333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	153 00	3 00	156 00	156 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	41 00		41 00	150 00
336	Highgate	Highgate	8 00	43 00	51 00	189 00
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	23 00		23 00	84 00
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	7 00		7 00	144 00
339	Orient	Toronto	236 00	30 00	266 00	747 00
341	Bruce	Liverton				117 00
343	Georgina	Toronto	389 85	74 72	464 57	714 00
344	Merrill	Dorchester Station	34 00		34 00	96 00
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	30 00		30 00	69 00
346	Occident	Toronto	162 05		162 05	594 00
347	Mercur	Fergus	74 00		74 00	156 00
348	Georgian	Pentanguishene	120 00		120 00	129 00
352	Granite	Parry Sound	101 00		101 00	279 00
*354	Brock	Canington		190 00	190 00	186 00
356	River Park	Streetsville	21 00	15 00	36 00	117 00
*357	Waterdown	Millgrove	133 11	94 89	228 00	228 00
358	Delaware Valley	Delaware		4 50	4 50	105 00
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	30 00		30 00	123 00
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge				201 00
*361	Waverley	Guelph	404 00		404 00	390 00
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	63 00	56 00	119 00	150 00
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	14 00		14 00	78 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Aggregate contribu- tions to May 31, 1908	Contribu- tions for year ended May 31, 1909	Aggregate contribu- tions to May 31, 1909	Quota on basis of member- ship, G. L. Pro., 1904
367	St. George	Toronto	205 00	69 00	274 00	597 00
368	Salem	Brockville	51 00		51 00	342 00
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	92 00	31 00	123 00	237 00
370	Harmony	Delta				180 00
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	136 00		136 00	267 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	162 00		162 00	225 00
373	Copestone	Welland				186 00
374	Keene	Keene	25 00		25 00	93 00
375	Lorne	Omamee				93 00
376	Unity	Huntsville	52 00	10 00	62 00	270 00
377	Lorne	Shelburne	40 00		40 00	183 00
378	King Solomon	London	49 00		49 00	297 00
379	Middlesex	Bryanston				90 00
380	Union	London	118 00	13 00	131 00	435 00
*382	Doric	Hamilton	666 00		666 00	666 00
383	Henderson	West Winchester	32 00		32 00	204 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	300 20	56 55	356 75	780 00
385	Spry	Beeton	32 00	29 50	61 50	177 00
386	McColl	West Lorne	18 25		18 25	186 00
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	14 00		14 00	102 00
388	Henderson	Ilderton				111 00
*389	Crystal Fountain	North Augusta	114 00	12 00	126 00	105 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
390	Florence	Florence				72 00
391	Howard	Ridgetown	73 00		73 00	216 00
392	Huron	Cambridge	39 00	8 00	47 00	165 00
393	Forest	Chesley	108 00		108 00	111 00
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	17 00	7 00	24 00	195 00
395	Parvaim	Comber	24 50	12 00	36 50	133 00
396	Cedar	Warton	128 00		128 00	291 00
397	Leopold	Brigden				189 00
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	33 00		33 00	103 00
399	Moffat	Harrietsville		30 00	30 00	63 00
400	Oakville	Oakville	171 86		171 86	357 00
401	Craig	Deseronto	12 00	26 00	38 00	168 00
402	Central	Essex	40 00	6 00	46 00	171 00
403	Windsor	Windsor	125 00	112 00	237 00	513 00
*404	Lorne	Tamworth	142 00	13 00	155 00	114 00
*405	Mattawa	Mattawa	270 00		270 00	267 00
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	159 00		159 00	171 00
408	Murray	Beaverton	91 00		91 00	133 00
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	108 00		108 00	177 00
*410	Zeta	Toronto	353 20	198 80	552 00	480 00
411	Rodney	Rodney		3 00	3 00	90 00
*412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	479 00	109 00	588 00	538 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions to year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904.
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	1 00		1 00	309 00
414	Pequonga	Kenora	76 93		76 93	300 00
415	Fort William	Fort William	53 00		53 00	261 00
416	Lyn	Lyn	22 00		22 00	111 00
417	Keewatin	Keewatin	60 00		60 00	180 00
418	Maxville	Maxville				210 00
419	Bismarek	Point Edward		42 00	42 00	261 00
*420	Nipissing	North Bay	151 50	173 75	330 25	330 00
421	Scott	Grand Valley	190 00		190 00	246 00
422	Star in the East	Bothwell				132 00
*423	Strong	Sundridge	102 00	57 00	159 00	159 00
424	Doric	Pickering	11 00	6 00	17 00	114 00
425	St. Clair	Sombra				180 00
426	Stanley	Toronto	245 00		245 00	651 00
*427	Nickel	Sudbury	426 00	41 00	467 00	378 00
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	48 00		48 00	252 00
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	26 00		26 00	150 00
430	Acacia	Toronto	80 25		80 25	342 00
431	Moravian	Eden Grove				144 00
432	Hanover	Hanover	77 00		77 00	141 00
*433	Bonnechere	Eganville	144 00		144 00	132 00
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	36 00		36 00	159 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
435	Havelock	Havelock	167 00		167 00	228 00
436	Burns	Hepworth				105 00
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	47 00	226 00	273 00	303 00
438	Harmony	Toronto	200 00	160 00	360 00	747 00
439	Alexandria	Alexandria				135 00
*440	Arcadia	Minden	135 50	18 00	153 50	132 00
441	Westport	Westport	20 00		20 00	105 00
442	Dymont	Thessalon	96 00	25 00	121 00	204 00
443	Powassan	Powassan	26 00		26 00	103 00
444	Nitetic	Creemore				141 00
445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora				87 00
446	Granite	Port Francis	150 25		150 25	159 00
*447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	17 00	121 00	138 00	133 00
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	9 00		9 00	141 00
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	54 00		54 00	84 00
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	18 00		18 00	147 00
451	Somerville	Kimount	56 00		56 00	165 00
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	30 00		30 00	93 00
*453	Royal	Port William	98 00	40 00	138 00	138 00
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	90 00		90 00	96 00
*455	Doric	Little Current	147 00	48 00	195 00	195 00
*456	Elma	Monkton	66 00	30 00	96 00	96 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. 1904.
457	Century	Merlin		35 00	35 00	39 00
458	Wales	Wales	133 00		138 00	141 00
459	Cobden	Cobden	56 00		56 00	111 00
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	40 00		40 00	105 00
*461	Ionic	Rainy River	172 00		172 00	93 00
*462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	39 00	7 50	96 50	96 00
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	52 00	6 00	58 00	81 00
464	King Edward	Sunderland	17 00		17 00	102 00
465	Carleton	Carp	25 00		25 00	63 00
*466	Coronation	Elmvale	106 00		106 00	81 00
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	15 00		15 00	39 00
468	Peel	Caledon East	34 50	5 50	40 00	63 00
*469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie.	128 00	64 00	192 00	66 00
*470	Victoria	Victoria Harbor	87 00	19 00	106 00	42 00
*471	King Edward VII.	Chippawa	106 00		106 00	
*472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	33 00	15 00	48 00	
*473	The Beaches	Toronto		40 00	40 00	
*474	Victoria	Toronto	71 00	57 00	128 00	
475	Dundurn	Hamilton				
476	Corinthian	North Gower				
477	Harding	Woodville				
478	Milverton	Milverton				

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1908.	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1909.	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1909.	Quota on basis of membership, G. L. Pro., 1904
479	Russell	Russell				
480	Williamsburg	North Williamsburg				
*481	Corinthian	Toronto	174 00		174 00	
482	Bancroft	Bancroft				
483	Granton	Granton				
484	Golden Star	Dryden				
*485	Haileybury	Haileybury		75 00	75 00	
486	Silver	Cobalt				
* U.D.	Penwobikong	Blind River		66 00	66 00	
U.D.	King Edward	Harrow				
U.D.	St. Andrew's	Arden				
U.D.	Osiris	Smith's Falls				
U.D.	Hiram	Markdale				
U.D.	Cardinal	Cardinal				
U.D.	Karnak	Coldwater				
U.D.	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	163 83	15 00	178 83	178 83
	Sundry Contributions					
	Interest on investments to May 31, 1907, transferred to Capital Ac..		2,173 80		2,173 80	2,173 80
			\$44,103 29	\$ 7,657 61	\$51,760 90	\$100,694 63

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Revenue Account, Year Ending May 31st, 1909

RECEIPTS

Balance at credit, May 31st, 1908.....	\$ 428 28
Interest on Investments—	
Town of Galt, debentures	\$ 80 00
Town of Ingersoll, debentures	40 00
Town of Kincardine, debentures	50 00
Town of Oshawa, debentures	237 24
City of Ottawa, debentures.....	500 00
Town of Owen Sound, debentures.....	95 00
City of Peterboro', debentures	100 00
City of St. Catharines, debentures.....	212 80
Township of Saltfleet, debentures.....	200 00
City of Toronto, debentures	175 00
City of Woodstock, debentures	180 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, dividend....	5 00
Canadian Bank of Commerce, interest.....	55 94
	<hr/> 1,930 98
	<hr/> <u>\$2,359 26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Accrued Interest on Debentures at Date of Purchase—	
Town of Berlin	\$33 65
Town of Ingersoll	21 90
Town of Owen Sound	26 40
Town of Seaforth	33 97
	<hr/> 115 92
Grants for benevolence.....	2,010 00
Balance at credit, May 31st, 1909.....	233 34
	<hr/> <u>\$2,359 26</u>

All of which is fraternally submitted.



Grand Secretary.

London, July 19th, 1909.

I certify that the foregoing are correct statements, from the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1909.

HARRY VIGEON,
Chartered Accountant.

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
July 2, 1908	65	Rehoboam...	Toronto...	Excursion.
" 2, "	186	Plantaganet . .	Plantaganet..	Divine service.
" 2, "	14	True Britons . .	Perth	Decorate graves.
" 3, "	190	Belmont. . . .	Belmont. . .	Divine service.
" 3, "	126	Golden Rule. . .	Campbellford. .	Divine service.
" 3, "	243	St. George.. . .	St. George..	Divine service.
" 4, "	U.D.	King Edward . .	Harrow . . .	To initiate.
" 6, "	269	Brougham Union	Claremont . .	Garden party.
" 6, "	143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois.. . .	Divine service.
" 7, "	444	Nitetis	Creemore . .	Divine service.
" 7, "	432	Hanover.. . .	Hanover . . .	To install.
" 7, "	84	Clinton	Clinton.. . .	Divine service.
" 9, "	403	Windsor. . . .	Windsor. . .	Picnic.
" 10, "	431	Moravian	Eden Grove .	To install.
" 13, "	74	St. James . . .	S. Augusta..	Divine service.
" 17, "	261	Oak Branch. . .	Innerkip . . .	Divine service.
" 18, "	161	Percy	Warkworth. .	Divine service.
" 21, "	55	Merrickville. . .	Merrickville. .	Divine service.
" 22, "	460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay .	Divine service.
" 29, "	334	Prince Arthur . .	Arthur	Divine service.
Aug. 18, "	14	True Britons . .	Perth	To elect.
" 18, "	242	Macoy	Mallorytown .	Excursion.
" 18, "	451	Somerville . . .	Kinmount . . .	Divine service.
" 18, "	234	Beaver.. . .	Clarksburg..	Divine service.
" 19, "	22	King Solomon's..	Toronto.. . .	To install.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Aug. 24, "	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Divine service.
" 24, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	Divine service.
" 25, "	185	Enniskillen	York	Divine service.
" 27, "	304	Minerva	Stroud	Divine service.
" 29, "	272	Seymour	Ancaster	Divine service.
" 2, "	249	Caledonian	Midland	Special meeting.
Sept. 2, "	164	Star in the East	Wellington	Divine service.
" 8, "	47	Great Western	Windsor	Divine service.
" 15, "	115	Ivy	Beamsville	Divine service.
" 16, "	428	Fidelity	Port Perry	Divine service.
" 17, "	297	Preston	Preston	Divine service.
" 17, "	387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	To initiate.
" 18, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	Divine service.
" 21, "	478	Milverton	Milverton	Decorate graves.
" 30, "	357	Waterdown	Millgrove	To initiate.
Oct. 3, "	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Divine service.
" 6, "	69	Stirling	Stirling	Divine service.
" 8, "	73	St. James	St. Marys	Divine service.
" 12, "	193	Scotland	Scotland	Divine service.
" 13, "	456	Elma	Monkton	Divine service.
" 13, "	482	Bancroft	Bancroft	Divine service.
" 17, "	218	Stevenson	Toronto	Divine service.
" 19, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 20, "	69	Stirling	Stirling	Special meeting.
" 22, "	125	Cornwall	Cornwall	To initiate.
				Divine service.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Oct. 22,	472	Gore Bay ..	Gore Bay ..	To initiate.
" 26,	473	The Beaches. .	E. Toronto..	.. At home.
" 26,	367	St. George's ..	Toronto... ..	.. At home.
" 28,	260	Washington... .	Petrolia. . .	.. To confer 3rd degree in time
Nov. 2,	314	Blair	Palmerston..	.. To initiate.
" 4,	14	True Britons ..	Perth . . .	.. To elect.
" 11,	144	Tecumseh. . .	Stratford ..	.. To initiate.
" 13,	100	Valley .. .	Dundas. . .	.. Divine service.
" 18,	254	Clifton .. .	Niagara Falls ..	.. At home.
" 19,	344	Merrill .. .	Dorchester Station ..	.. To initiate.
" 21,	99	Tuscan... ..	Newmarket. .	.. At home.
" 21,	U. D.	Osiris .. .	Smith's Falls ..	.. At home.
" 24,	61	Acacia .. .	Hamilton ..	.. Divine service.
" 25,	247	Ashlar... ..	Toronto... ..	.. Special meeting.
" 30,	410	Zeta .. .	Toronto... ..	.. To install.
" 30,	339	Orient .. .	Toronto... ..	.. Divine service.
Dec. 3,	479	Russell... ..	Russell... ..	.. To elect.
" 3,	371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa. . .	.. Special meeting.
" 3,	153	Burns .. .	Wyoming ..	.. To install.
" 7,	450	Hawkesbury. .	Hawkesbury ..	.. To install.
" 8,	305	Humber. . .	Weston .. .	.. Special meeting.
" 8,	319	Hiram .. .	Hagersville ..	.. Divine service.
" 8,	385	Spy .. .	Beeton .. .	.. Special meeting.
" 9,	384	Alpha .. .	Toronto... ..	.. To install.
" 9,	38	Trent .. .	Trenton. . .	.. To install.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Dec. 9,	126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	To install.
" 10,	367	St. George	Toronto	To install.
" 10,	131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	To install.
" 10,	486	Silver	Cobalt	Divine service.
" 11,	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	To install.
" 11,	484	Golden Star	Dryden	Divine service.
" 12,	291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	Divine service.
" 12,	180	Speed	Guelph	To install.
" 12,	421	Scott	Grand Valley	To install.
" 14,	209a	St. John's	London	Special meeting.
" 15,	326	Zetland	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 16,	473	The Beaches	Toronto	To elect.
" 16,	481	Corinthian	Toronto	To elect.
" 16,	170	Britannia	Seaforth	Divine service.
" 16,	45	Brant	Brantford	To initiate.
" 16,	334	Port Arthur	Arthur	To install.
" 16,	101	Corinthian	Peterboro'	To initiate.
" 17,	359	Victoria	Victoria	To install.
" 17,	255	Sydenham	Dresden	Divine service.
" 17,	131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	Divine service.
" 17,	97	Sharon	Queensville	To install.
" 17,	228	Port Arthur	Odessa	Divine service.
" 17,	409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	To install.
" 17,	396	Cedar	Warton	To install.
" 18,	192	Orillia	Orillia	Special meeting.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Dec. 18,	294	Moore	Courtright	To install.
" 18,	394	King Solomon ..	Thamesford ..	To install.
" 18,	433	Bonnechere ..	Eganville ..	To install.
" 18,	260	Washington ..	Petrolia ..	Special meeting.
" 18,	194	Petrolia ..	Petrolia ..	To install.
" 19,	245	Tecumseh ..	Thamesville ..	To install.
" 19,	309	Morning Star ..	Carlow ..	To install.
" 21,	33	Maitland ..	Goderich ..	To install.
" 21,	131	St. Lawrence ..	Southampton ..	To install.
" 21,	155	Peterboro ..	Peterboro' ..	To install.
" 21,	184	Old Light ..	Lucknow ..	Special meeting.
" 21,	216	Harris ..	Orangeville ..	To install.
" 21,	368	Salem ..	Brockville ..	To install.
" 21,	16	St. Andrew's ..	Toronto ..	At home.
" 21,	388	Henderson ..	Ilderton ..	To elect.
" 21,	58	Doric ..	Ottawa ..	Special meeting.
" 22,	322	North Star ..	Owen Sound ..	Divine service.
" 22,	144	Tecumseh ..	Stratford ..	To install.
" 22,	401	Craig ..	Deseronto ..	To install.
" 22,	452	Avonmore ..	Avonmore ..	To install.
" 23,	47	Great Western ..	Windsor ..	Special meeting.
" 23,	103	Maple Leaf ..	St. Catharines ..	Divine service.
" 23,	377	Lorne ..	Shelburne ..	To install.
" 23,	412	Keystone ..	Sault Ste Marie ..	Divine service.
" 24,	48	Madoc ..	Madoc ..	To install.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Dec. 24,	5	Sussex..	Brockville...	.. To install.
" 24,	283	Eureka..	Belleville ..	.. To initiate.
" 26,	423	Strong..	Sundridge.	.. Divine service.
" 26,	386	McColl..	West Lorne.	.. To install.
" 26,	47	Great Western	Windsor ..	.. To install.
" 28,	44	St. Thomas..	St. Thomas	.. Divine service.
" 28,	465	Carleton.	Carp ..	.. To install.
" 28,	141	Tudor ..	Mitchell ..	.. To initiate.
" 28,	457	Century..	Merlin..	.. To initiate.
" 28,	62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia ..	.. To initiate.
" 28,	287	Shuniah.	Port Arthur	.. Divine service.
" 29,	234	Beaver..	Clarksburg..	.. To install.
" 31,	46	Wellington	Chatham ..	.. Divine service.
" 31,	3	Anct. St. John's	Kingston ..	.. Divine service.
Jan. 2,	391	Huron ..	Camlachie ..	.. To install.
" 2,	429	Port Elgin ..	Port Elgin..	.. To install.
" 8,	65	Rheoboam ..	Toronto.	.. At home.
" 8,	125	Cornwall ..	Cornwall ..	.. At home.
" 12,	22	King Solomon.	Toronto.	.. At home.
" 12,	305	Humber ..	Weston..	.. At home.
" 13,	75	St. John's	Toronto.	.. At home.
" 14,	438	Harmony ..	Toronto.	.. At home.
" 15,	346	Occident.	Toronto.	.. At home.
" 18,	316	Doric ..	Toronto.	.. At home.
" 18,	101	Corinthian ..	Peterboro' ..	.. To confer degrees

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Jan. 19,	87	Markham Union.	Markham ..	.. To initiate
" 26,	473	The Beaches ..	Toronto. ..	.. At home.
" 26,	333	Port Arthur. ..	Flesherton ..	.. At home.
" 27,	266	N. Light ..	Stayner. ..	.. To install.
" 29,	283	Eureka. ..	Belleville ..	.. To initiate
" 30,	326	Zetland ..	Toronto. ..	.. At home.
Feb. 1,	403	Windsor. ..	Windsor. ..	.. At home.
" 1,	203	Irvine ..	Elora ..	.. At home.
" 1,	347	Mercer. ..	Fergus. ..	.. To initiate
" 1,	258	Guelph. ..	Guelph. ..	.. To initiate
" 1,	U.D.	St. Andrew's ..	Arden. ..	.. To initiate
" 2,	419	Bismarck ..	Point Edward ..	.. To install.
" 3,	289	Doric ..	Lobo ..	.. To install.
" 5,	394	King Solomon ..	Thamesford ..	.. At home.
" 8,	466	Coronation ..	Elmvale. ..	.. At home.
" 10,	64	Kilwinning ..	London. ..	.. At home.
" 11,	435	Havelock ..	Havelock ..	.. To install.
" 11,	86	Wilson. ..	Toronto. ..	.. At home.
" 11,	446	Granite. ..	Port Frances ..	.. At home.
" 12,	336	Highbate ..	Highbate ..	.. At home.
" 13,	387	Lansdowne ..	Lansdowne ..	.. At home.
" 17,	11	Moir. ..	Belleville ..	.. To initiate
" 19,	24	St. Francis. ..	Smith's Falls ..	.. At home.
" 20,	186	Plantagenet ..	Plantagenet ..	.. To initiate
" 23,	403	Windsor. ..	Windsor ..	.. Concert

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Mar. 1,	451	Somerville...	Kimmount...	To install.
" 2,	424	Doric ..	Pickering ..	To initiate
" 3,	378	King Solomon	London..	At home.
" 4,	332	Stratford..	Stratford..	To initiate
" 4,	245	Tecumseh ..	Thamesville.	At home.
" 8,	88	St. George's.	Owen Sound.	At home.
" 10,	307	Arkona...	Arkona..	To initiate
" 10,	401	Craig ..	Deseronto	To initiate
" 10,	428	Fidelity	Port Perry..	To initiate
" 12,	456	Elma ..	Monkton ..	To initiate
" 13,	466	Coronation	Elmvale ..	To initiate
" 17,	218	Stevenson	Toronto..	At home.
" 20,	326	Zetland..	Toronto ..	To exemplify degrees
" 31,	20	St. John's..	London...	At home.
Apr. 7,	259	Springfield ..	Springfield..	At home.
" 7,	485	Haileybury..	Haileybury..	To elect.
" 8,	475	Dundurn ..	Hamilton ..	To initiate
" 8,	475	Dundurn ..	Hamilton ..	To initiate
" 15,	428	Fidelity ..	Port Perry..	At home.
" 20,	462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	Divine service.
" 29,	328	Ionie ..	Napier ..	To initiate
" 30,	U.D.	St. Andrew's	Arden ..	To initiate
" 5,	473	The Beeches	E. Toronto	At home.
" 6,	386	McColl ..	West Lorne	Divine service.
" 10,	405	Matawa ..	Mattawa ..	Divine service.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
May 10,	472	Gore Bay ..	Gore Bay ..	Divine service.
" 11,	438	Harmony ..	Toronto ..	Special meeting.
" 12,	57	Harmony ..	Binbrook ..	Divine service.
" 14,	47	Great Western ..	Windson ..	Special meeting.
" 18,	338	Dufferin ..	Wellandport ..	Divine service.
" 19,	454	Corona ..	Burke's Falls ..	To elect.
" 19,	203	Irvine ..	Elora ..	Divine service.
" 19,	478	Milverton ..	Milverton ..	To initiate
" 25,	471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa ..	Divine service.
" 26,	11	Moria ..	Belleville ..	Divine service.
" 27,	447	Sturgeon Falls ..	Sturgeon Falls ..	At home.
" 28,	352	Granite ..	Parry Sound ..	Divine service.
" 29,	79	Simcoe ..	Bradford ..	Divine service.
" 31,	154	Iving ..	Lucan ..	Divine service.
June 2,	476	Corinthian ..	N. Gower ..	Divine service.
" 3,	141	Tudor ..	Mitchell ..	Divine service.
" 3,	401	Craig ..	Deseronto ..	Divine service.
" 4,	U.D.	Hiram ..	Markdale ..	Divine service.
" 5,	313	Clementi ..	Lakefield ..	Divine service.
" 7,	393	Forest ..	Chesley ..	Divine service.
" 7,	50	Consecon ..	Consecon ..	Divine service.
" 7,	47	Great Western ..	Windson ..	Excursion.
" 7,	409	Golden Rule ..	Gravenhurst ..	Divine service.
" 7,	402	Central ..	Essex ..	Divine service.
" 7,	343	Georgina ..	Toronto ..	To install.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
June 7,	299	Victoria ..	Centreville..	Divine service.
" 8,	345	Nilestown..	Nilestown..	Divine service.
" 9,	465	Carleton ..	Carp..	Divine service.
" 9,	356	River Park	Streetsville..	Divine service
" 9,	274	Kent ..	Blenheim ..	Divine service
" 9,	466	Coronation	Elmvale ..	Divine service
" 9,	312	Pnyx ..	Wallaceburg	Divine service
" 10,	482	Bancroft ..	Bancroft ..	Divine service
" 10,	373	Copestone ..	Welland ..	Divine service
" 10,	302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Divine service
" 10,	391	Howard ..	Ridgetown..	Divine service
" 11,	418	Maxville ..	Maxville ..	Divine service
" 11,	403	Windsor ..	Windsor ..	Divine service
" 11,	U.D.	King Edward	Harrow..	Divine service
" 11,	441	Westport ..	Westport..	Divine service
" 11,	360	Muskoka ..	Bracebridge	Divine service
" 11,	5	Sussex ..	Brookville..	Divine service
" 12,	48	Madoc ..	Madoc..	Divine service
" 12,	55	Merrickville	Merrickville	Divine service
" 12,	76	Oxford ..	Woodstock..	Divine service
" 12,	105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls..	Divine service
" 12,	376	Unity..	Huntsville..	Divine service
" 14,	239	Tweed..	Tweed..	Divine service
" 14,	447	Sturgeon Falls..	Sturgeon Falls..	Divine service
" 14,	159	Goodwood..	Richmond..	Divine service

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
June 14,	155	Peterboro ..	Peterboro..	Divine service
" 14,	137	Pythagoras ..	Meaford ..	Divine service
" 15,	77	Faithful B. ..	Lindsay ..	Divine service
" 15,	194	Petrolea ..	Petrolea ..	Divine service
" 15,	259	Springfield..	Springfield	To initiate
" 15,	395	Parvum ..	Comber ..	Divine service
" 16,	222	Marmora ..	Marmora..	Divine service
" 16,	129	Rising Sun ..	Aurora ..	Divine service
" 16,	223	Norwood ..	Norwood ..	Divine service
" 16,	329	King Solomon..	Jarvis..	Divine service
" 16,	37	King Hiram ..	Ingersoll ..	Divine service
" 16,	32	Amity..	Dunnville ..	Divine service
" 16,	196	Madawaska..	Arnprior ..	Divine service
" 16,	115	Ivy ..	Beamsville..	Divine service
" 16,	81	St. John's ..	Mt. Brydges	Divine service
" 16,	396	Cedar..	Warton ..	Divine service
" 16,	U.D.	St. Andrew's ..	Arden..	Divine service
" 16,	385	Spy ..	Beeton..	Divine service
" 17,	14	True Britons ..	Perth..	Divine service
" 17,	U.D.	Penewobikong..	Blind River ..	Divine service
" 18,	122	Renfrew ..	Renfrew ..	Divine service
" 18,	133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter..	Divine service
" 19,	42	St. George's ..	London..	Special meeting.
" 19,	142	Excelsior ..	Morrisburg..	Divine service
" 19,	404	Lorne..	Tamworth..	Divine service

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
June 21,	82	St. John's..	Paris..	Divine service
" 21,	297	Preston..	Preston ..	Divine service
" 21,	83	Beaver..	Strathroy ..	Divine service
" 24,	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls..	Divine service
" 24,	485	Haileybury ..	Haileybury..	Divine service
" 24,	324	Temple..	Hamilton ..	Divine service
" 24,	45	Brant..	Brantford ..	To initiate
" 22,	114	Hope ..	Port Hope..	Divine service
" 22,	119	Maple Leaf	Bath ..	Divine service
" 22,	184	Old Light..	Lucknow ..	Divine service
" 22,	201	Leeds..	Gananoque..	Divine service
" 22,	207	Lancaster ..	Lancaster ..	Divine service
" 22,	234	Beaver..	Clarksburg	Divine service
" 22,	255	Sydenham..	Dresden ..	Divine service
" 22,	388	Henderson..	Ilderton ..	Divine service
" 22,	394	King Solomon's..	Thamesford..	Divine service
" 22,	406	Spry ..	Fenelon Falls..	Divine service
" 22,	414	Pequonga ..	Kenora ..	Divine service
" 22,	415	Fort William	Fort William ..	Divine service
" 22,	420	Nipissing ..	North Bay..	Divine service
" 22,	473	The Reaches	E. Toronto..	Divine service
" 22,	322	North Star	Owen Sound	Excursion
" 23,	377	Lorne..	Shelburne..	Divine service
" 23,	118	Union..	Schroenberg	Divine service
" 23,	118	Union..	Schroenberg	To initiate

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
June 23,	220	Zeredatha..	Uxbridge ..	Divine service
" 23,	322	North Star..	Owen Sound	Excursion.
" 24,	47	Great Western..	Windsor ..	Special meeting.
" 24,	459	Cobden..	Cobden ..	Divine service
" 24,	128	Pembroke ..	Pembroke..	Divine service
" 25,	237	Vienna..	Vienna ..	To install.
" 25,	267	Parthenon..	Chatham ..	Divine service
" 25,	435	Havelock ..	Havelock ..	Divine service
" 25,	35	St. John's..	Cayuga..	Divine service
" 25,	68	St. John's..	Ingersoll ..	Divine service
" 29,	285	Seven Star..	Alliston ..	To install.
" 29,	165	Burlington..	Burlington..	Divine service
" 30,	56	Victoria ..	Sarnia..	Divine service
" 30,	90	Manito..	Collingwood	Divine service

LIST OF BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE
M. W. GRAND MASTER.

	Date.	Lodge.	No.	Location.
1908	July	4—Star in East	164,	Wellington.
"	Sept.	1—St. Andrew's	16,	Toronto.
"	Sept.	9—Forest	162,	Wroxeter.
"	Oct.	22—Algonquin	434,	Emsdale.
"	Oct.	22—Corinthian	481,	Toronto.
"	Nov.	14—King Solomon's	43,	Woodstock.
"	Nov.	14—Cedar	270,	Oshawa.
"	Dec.	5—Barton	6,	Hamilton.
"	Dec.	15—Friendly Brothers	143,	Iroquois.
"	Feb.	10—St. George	243,	St. George.
"	Feb.	20—Bancroft	482,	Bancroft.
"	Feb.	20—Golden Star	484,	Dryden.
"	Feb.	25—Renfrew	122,	Renfrew.
"	Feb.	27—Harding	477,	Woodville.
"	Mar.	3—Caledonian	249,	Midland.
"	May	15—St. James	74,	S. Augusta.
"	May	15—Stratford	332,	Stratford.
"	May	15—Corona	454,	Burk's Falls.
"	May	21—Mt. Olivet	300,	Thorndale.
"	June	29—Maple Leaf	103,	St. Catharines.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE
M. W. GRAND MASTER.

	Date.	Lodge.	No.	Location.
1908	July	4—Fort William	415,	Fort William.
"	July	7—Ionic	229,	Brampton.
"	Aug.	21—Scotland	193,	Scotland.
"	Aug.	21—Waverley	361,	Guelph.
"	Sept.	1—Maitland... ..	33,	Goderich.
"	Sept.	15—Civil Service	148,	Ottawa.
"	Oct.	15—King Solomon's	22,	Toronto.
"	Oct.	15—St. Mark's	94,	Port Stanley.
"	Dec.	1—Verulam	268,	Bobcaygeon.
"	Dec.	5—Cameron	232,	Dutton.
"	Dec.	15—Sharon	97,	Queensville.
"	Dec.	15—Henderson	388,	Ilderton.
"	Dec.	21—St. Thomas	44,	St. Thomas.
1909	Jan.	16—Irving	154,	Lucan.
"	Jan.	26—The Beaches	473,	Toronto E.
"	Feb.	9—Thistle.	34,	Amherstburg.
"	Feb.	12—Ashlar	247,	Toronto.
"	Feb.	27—Manito	90,	Collingwood.
"	Feb.	27—Victoria	474,	W. Toronto.
"	Mar.	3—Sturgeon Falls	447,	Sturgeon Falls.
"	Mar.	4—Maple Leaf	362,	Tara.
"	Mar.	6—Union	118,	Schomberg.
"	Mar.	13—Nipissing	420,	North Bay.
"	Mar.	13—Sturgeon Falls	447,	Sturgeon Falls.

"	Mar.	17—Burns	153,	Wyoming.
"	Mar.	25—King Hiram	78,	Tilsonburg.
"	Mar.	25—Markham Union	87,	Markham.
"	Mar.	25—Stanley	426,	W. Toronto.
"	Mar.	25—Algoma	469,	Sault Ste Marie.
"	Mar.	31—Ashlar	247,	Toronto.
"	Mar.	31—Alpha	384,	Toronto.
"	April	13—Albion	109,	Harrowsmith.
"	April	22—Cataraqui	92,	Kingston.
"	April	24—Acacia	430,	E. Toronto.
"	May	10—Ionic	229,	Brampton.
"	May	21—Burlington	165,	Burlington.
"	May	21—Prince Arthur	334,	Arthur.
"	May	22—Springfield	259,	Springfield.
"	June	5—Seymour	272,	Ancaster.
"	June	5—Occident	346,	Toronto.
"	June	7—Doric	58,	Ottawa.
"	June	15—Trent	38,	Trenton.
"	June	16—Britannia	170,	Seaforth.
"	June	29—Mississippi	147,	Almonte.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary.

London, July 21st, 1909.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes..

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In submitting my report for your consideration I first wish to thank the brethren of Erie District, No. 1, for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to the high and honorable office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also for the many kindnesses I have received at their hands during my term of office.

My first official visit was made to Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim, on December, 1909.

There was a very good attendance, being about thirty members present. This being the night of installation, had the pleasure of installing the officers of the lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. Miller opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a way which he and his officers deserve great credit. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Crookshank. Prosperity and the best of harmony prevails.

On January 4th, 1909,—Had the pleasure of visiting Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown, on which occasion the third degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Z. G. Liddle and officers in a very correct and impressive manner.

The officers of this lodge pride themselves in doing the work in a first-class manner. The books are kept in first-class style by Bro. Ellsworth, who is very efficient. Prospects of lodge are good.

Visited McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne, Feb. 2nd, 1909.

The W. M., W. Bro. McColl and officers conferred the second degree in a most correct and impressive manner. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Webster and Milner on this occasion. The books and the lodge room are kept in first-class style.

Visited Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden, Feb. 11th, 1909. W. Bro. Rev. Hughes and officers conferred the second degree on one candidate in a very correct and impressive manner. The books are well kept by the secretary, and the best of harmony prevails.

Visited Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury, March 2nd, 1909, on which occasion the W. M., W. Bro. O. Milly and officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in a very creditable and impressive manner. There was a very good attendance and the brethren seem very enthusiastic in their work. The books are in real good shape, and the lodge room is well kept.

Visited Century Lodge, No. 457, Merlin, March 3rd, 1909. Was very sorry to learn on my arrival that the two candidates for second degree could not be present on account of sickness, but from the interest taken in the work by the officers and brethren I was assured that the work done by this lodge is first-class. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Neil, and the lodge room is very neat and up-to-date.

Visited Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe, March 4th, 1909. By the W. M., W. Bro. Elliott and officers the work was accurately and impressively done. This was certainly one of the best worked third degree I have witnessed in my official visits. The future of this lodge is very promising. The books are well kept and the brethren take a very deep interest in the work.

Visited Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence, Ont., on March 5th, 1909. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors present, and the first degree was conferred on one candidate by W. Bro. Drew and officers in a very impressive manner. The financial position of the lodge is very satisfactory. The books are well kept and bright prospects ahead.

I paid my official visit to King Edward Lodge,

(under dispensation), Harrow, Ont., on March 11th, 1909. Being delayed on account of train services, was a little late in getting to this place, but had the pleasure of seeing the first degree conferred by W. Bro. Richardson and officers in a manner for which they deserve great credit. The books are well kept by Bro. Knapp, and the lodge room is second to none in the district. I would take very great pleasure in recommending them to your Grand body for a charter or warrant of constitution.

Paid my official visit to Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, on March 16th, 1909. The second degree was conferred on one candidate by W. Bro. Hackett and officers in a very neat and impressive manner. The brethren of this lodge are very enthusiastic and are decided in their support and loyalty to Thistle Lodge. I was entertained on a previous occasion at a grand ball given by this lodge. The books are neatly kept and up-to-date.

Visited Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington, Ont., on March 30th, 1909, and witnessed the third degree conferred on one of the candidates by W. Bro. Robertson and officers in a most perfect and impressive manner. Special praise must be given the junior officers of this lodge for the prompt and military way in which they do their work. I had the extreme pleasure of meeting an old distinguished friend, Rt. W. Bro. Dr. Hillier. The brothers of this lodge are a genial lot of fellows and you would feel at home on entering the lodge room.

Visited Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex, March 31st, 1909. There was a grand attendance of members and visitors, and a deep interest taken in the general business at the lodge. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Tweedle and his staff of officers in a very neat and impressive manner. The brethren of this lodge are great entertainers and the best of harmony prevails. W. Bro. Shaw is a most efficient officer and has his books in splendid shape.

St. George Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville.—I visited this lodge at their regular meeting, April 1st, 1909, and I was fraternally received by the brethren of the lodge. The work was a third degree and was impressively given by W. Bro. Sheldon and officers and was previously entertained by the lodge at an at-

home, which was a grand success. Had also the pleasure of meeting one of the oldest tylers in the district in the person of Bro. Samuel Black, who has been tyler for St. George Lodge for over forty years. The books are well kept, and the brethren of this lodge are a genial lot of fellows.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber.—Made my official visit to this lodge, March 2nd, 1909. The work was a first degree and was admirably done by the W. M., W. Bro. Seil and his staff of officers. The books are very neatly kept by the secretary. The brethren are very enthusiastic and take great pride in doing their work well.

Pynx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg—Visited this lodge March 5th, 1909. The work was a second degree and was conferred on one candidate in a very creditable manner. The officers all doing their work splendidly. W. Bro. Smith is an excellent officer and looks well after the interests of the lodge. The books and lodge room are neatly kept and the prospects are bright.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, Ont.—Visited this lodge on April 18th, 1909. I was delighted to meet R. W. Bros. White, Revell, Wigle and Payne, who had come out for the occasion. The work was a third degree, and was exceedingly well done by W. Bro. Norbury and his excellent staff of officers. I had the pleasure of healing one, J. T. Hallitt, on this occasion. The harmony that exists among the brethren in this lodge is most gratifying. Another very pleasing feature is the exchange of visits between the two Windsor lodges and also from the different lodges in Detroit. The attendance at this meeting was the largest of any in the district, numbering over three hundred.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham.—Visited this lodge April 14th, this being military night. The work was put on by the officers and members of the 24th Regiment. The work was third degree and was beautifully exemplified by W. Bro. Pike, a Past Master of this lodge, and his staff of military officers. The evening was a grand success. The attendance was very large. There were brethren present from Essex, Blenheim, Ridgetown, Highgate, Merlin, and Dresden. The W. M., W. Bro. Draper vacated

the chair on this occasion to give place to the military brethren, but was assured that he does the work very impressively and is one of the best masters Parthenon Lodge has ever had. W. Bro. Plewes is an excellent secretary and looks well after the books. The prospects of the lodge are good and the best of harmony prevails.

I visited Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor, Ont., on April 16th, 1909. The meeting was an emergency one. I was pleased to meet Rt. W. Bros. Revell, Payne and Wigle on this occasion. The work was the third degree and was conferred by W. Bro. Neilson and his officers in a very correct and impressive manner. I had the pleasure of meeting several brethren from Detroit on this occasion. The brethren of this lodge are very enthusiastic Masons and take great pride in doing their work in a workmanlike manner.

Visited Wellington Lodge, No. 46, April 26th, 1909. There was a very large attendance, and the brethren seem to work well together and pride themselves in doing their work in first-class style. W. Bro. Russell and officers conferred the third degree in the most perfect and impressive manner that I have witnessed in my official visits. The best of harmony prevails and you feel at home the moment you enter the lodge room. The books are exceedingly well kept by Bro. Greagory. The prospects of the lodge are bright. I had the pleasure of meeting Rt. W. Bro. Crumb and other distinguished brethren on this occasion.

Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley, April 29, 1909. There being no degree work, the W. M., W. Bro. Scott and officers opened and closed the lodge in three degrees, which was done very well. W. Bro. Scott makes an excellent master, and is ably assisted by his officers. The books are very neatly kept by the secretary.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville, May 31st, 1909. There being no degree work, the W. M., W. Bro. Sherman and officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees in a very neat way. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors present, among whom were Rt. W. Bros. Crumb, Worth, and Fraser. I was accompanied on

this visit by W. Bro. Murray of Highgate. The books are exceedingly well kept by V. W. Bro. Pye, and the prospects of this lodge are bright.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell—Visited this lodge on June 2nd, 1909. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Teetzel and Eacott. There being no degree work, the W. M., Bro. ———, proceeded with the election of officers, after which the lodge was opened in the three degrees in a most perfect and workmanlike manner. From the way the officers do the work I am assured they can confer degrees in first-class style. The lodge room is in good shape, and the books are well kept.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate, Ont.—I visited this, my mother lodge, July 2nd, 1909. There was a very good attendance present. The work was a first degree, and was exceedingly well done by W. Bro. Ward and his staff of officers. The working of the lodge is well looked after by W. Bros. Murray, Teetzel, Crosby and others, who take a deep interest in Masonry. The books are well kept by Bro. Gosnell, and the best of harmony prevails among the brethren.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney.—I did not visit this lodge on account of not receiving a reply to my communication, but I am led to believe that they are doing the work in a workmanlike manner.

Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville.—Had not the pleasure of visiting this lodge, as there was some misunderstanding in regard to date of visit, but am assured that they are doing the work in a very neat way.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

A lodge of instruction was held at Ridgetown on March 29, 1909, under Howard Lodge, No. 391, when the first degree was beautifully exemplified by the W. M. and officers of Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim, and the second degree was conferred by the W. M. and officers of McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne, in a very correct and impressive manner, and the third degree was conferred by the lodge where the meeting was held in a manner which gives credit to Howard Lodge.

DIVINE SERVICE.

A large proportion of the lodges in the district attended divine service during the year, and I strongly recommend that each lodge should at least once a year attend to that important duty, and I hope that this practical evidence of the tie that binds Masonry to praise and worship of God may be even more abundantly in evidence in the future.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

In relation to this important matter, which was brought to our notice by the Grand Master, I may say that in the occasion of each of my visits to the lodges in this district, I have urged upon the brethren their duty and their privilege in being asked to contribute to such a worthy object. Many lodges have appointed committees and collected subscriptions from the members. I am sorry to say that a few of the lodges have taken no action whatever.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I must again thank the brethren of Erie District for the honor they conferred upon me by electing me to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M. of Erie District, No. 1, and must again refer to the great pleasure I received in meeting so many of the Past D. D. G. M.'s of the District, and must say before closing that the work done in every lodge throughout the District is second to none under your grand jurisdiction, and that the best of harmony prevails in every lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. W. MOODY, D. D. G. M.,
Erie District, No. 1.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

On February 12th, 1909, I received notice from the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, that he had suspended from office Rt. W. Bro. J. B. Livingstone, the duly elected D.D.G.M. of St. Clair District, No. 2, and had appointed me to perform the duties of that high office. I advised him that it was impossible at that late date for me to visit all the lodges, and asked permission to call on the Past D. D. G. Ms of the District for assistance, which request was granted, and I wish here to most heartily thank Right Wor. Bros. Thoman, Sutherland, Cogan, Wilmott, Parkes, Martin, George, McWhorter and Saunders for their hearty and efficient co-operation in carrying out the work.

I also appointed W. Bro. John Boyd, District Secretary, and his help has been invaluable to me in helping on with the work, as the correspondence, on account of the change, was very heavy.

A Lodge of Instruction was held at Strathroy on March 26th, under the auspices of the Beaver Lodge, No. 83. Upwards of two hundred brethren were present. Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m., with Wor. Bro. Truman and officers of Beaver Lodge in the chairs. The first degree was conferred in a faultless manner, and called forth words of commendation from the distinguished brethren present.

The second degree was equally well done by Wor. Bro. E. A. Mills and officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, and equally deserving of all praise

The evening session began at 7.30 p.m. The first order of business was the reception of Grand Lodge officers, when we had the great pleasure of welcoming the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master A. T. Freed; the Right Worshipful, the Deputy Master D. F. Macwatt, and the Right Worshipful, the

Grand Secretary R. L. Gunn, and I wish here to most heartily thank these brethren, the rulers of the craft in Ontario, for their kindness in being present on that occasion. The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, then on behalf of St. Clair District, No. 2, presented Rt. Wor. Bro. Thoman with a beautiful Past D. D. G. M. regalia, as a small token of their appreciation of his services as D. D. G. M. for the preceding year, who responded in a short speech, thanking the brethren for their kindness.

Wor. Bro. Dampier, on behalf of the officers and members of Beaver Lodge, presented the Most Wor. the Grand Master, with a beautifully embossed address of welcome, which was responded to most heartily by the Grand Master.

The third degree was exemplified by the Past D. D. G. M's. of the district, and the old war-horses showed conclusively that they are still in touch with the work. The Rt. Wor. the Deputy Grand Master then exemplified the installation of a Wor. Master in an excellent manner, which was highly appreciated by the brethren, after which the Beaver Lodge put on the fourth degree to the satisfaction of all present. After the inner man was fully satisfied, the evening ended in instructive speeches and songs by the brethren, bringing to a close one of the most successful lodges of instruction ever held in No. 2 District.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, of Sarnia, was visited on April 6th, when Wor. Bro. Kaiser and officers conferred the first degree in a most pleasing manner. The finances and standing of this lodge are in excellent shape.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges, was visited May 4th. There was a large attendance, and the officers performed their several duties in a faultless manner. The financial standing of this lodge is excellent.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy, was visited on March 12th, and as the officers were conferring the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction, I excused them from further work. Beaver Lodge is in an excellent condition, as regards officers and finances.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford, was visited on March 1st, when Wor. Bro. Morrison and officers

conferred the third degree in an excellent manner. Books well kept, and finances improving.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming, was visited on April 29th. Wor. Bro. Jones and officers conferred the second degree in a most efficient manner. The books and finances are in first-class shape.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs, was visited officially May 6th. Wor. Bro. Sutherland and officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. The officers were all well up in their work. Books and finances well and carefully kept.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, and Petrolea Lodge, No. 194, of Petrolea, held a joint meeting for official visit on April 9th. There was a very large attendance. Wor. Bro. Wilson and Officers of Washington Lodge conferred the first degree. Wor. Bro. Bryant and officers of Petrolea, conferred the second degree. The work of the Masters and Wardens, and, in fact, all the officers, was given in a faultless manner. Both lodges are in a very prosperous condition.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford, was visited officially May 4th. There was a large attendance. Wor. Bro. Hobbs conferred the first degree in an excellent manner, getting only fair support from the officers. Found finances and books in excellent condition.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest, was visited officially on March 3rd, when Wor. Bro. D. D. Brodie exemplified the first degree in a faultless manner. Books and finances in good shape.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright, was visited officially April 29th. Wor. Bro. F. Tulley conferred the third degree, assisted by Wor. Bro. Wm. Brown, on two candidates, in an excellent manner. Although this is one of the smallest lodges in the district, it has an excellent master, and is in good shape as to the books and finances.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, was visited officially on March 4th. Neither the W. M. nor the S. W. were present. A second degree was conferred by Past Masters. Have pointed out to lodges generally the mistake of electing brethren to these high offices who look after their duties indifferently.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston, was visited officially on March 3rd. Wor. Bro. Wynn conferred

the second degree in a most creditable manner, well supported by his officers. The lodge is having a steady, healthy growth, and is in A1 shape financially.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier, was visited officially April 30th. Wor. Bro. Rogers conferred a first degree, ably assisted by his officers. Although Ionic is a small lodge, the members are filled with Masonic enthusiasm. Dues well paid up and prospects good.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne, was visited officially May 5th. Wor. Bro. Griffith conferred the first degree in a fair manner only, fairly supported by his officers. Impressed on them the need of a few rehearsals. Finances in very good condition.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden, visited officially March 31st. There being no work on, the officers opened and closed in a very creditable manner. The dues are fairly well paid up, and financial standing good.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward, was visited officially on the 12th of April. Wor. Bro. McKenzie opened and closed in the three degrees, and conferred the first degree on a candidate in a most efficient manner. The dues are fairly well paid up, and financial standing good.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra, was visited officially on June 1st. Wor. Bro. Cundie and officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a creditable manner. As there was no work, I gave a short talk on the semi-centennial fund, and had the satisfaction of having the brethren present all put down their names for \$1.00, and I have no doubt the balance will be fully paid up next year.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia, was visited officially on March 17th. Wor. Bro. E. A. Mills and officers conferred the first degree in a most efficient manner. This lodge is in a healthy condition; well officered and prospects good.

In conclusion, I wish to say the work in St. Clair District, No. 2, as a whole, is most correctly and efficiently given, for which I give a great deal of credit to the annual Lodge of Instruction, held in a different lodge room throughout the District every year, for which the District as a whole, pays \$50.00 for ex-

penses, and think it would be well if other Districts would follow the same plan.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Fraternally yours,

S. E. CORNELL

D. D. G. M., St. Clair District, No. 2.

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the report of this District for the past Masonic year. Before doing so I wish to thank the representatives of the various lodges in the District for the very high honor they conferred upon me in electing me D. D. G. M. for the past year.

It has been a season of profit and pleasure to me, and I can only express the hope that the brethren of the different lodges throughout the District have experienced a like result from my visits to them.

Regarding the state of Masonry in London District, No. 3, I am glad to report that, as a whole, it is in a very satisfactory condition. In nearly all the lodges I have been impressed with the uniformity of the work done, which, I think, bears ample testimony to the good and faithful work done by the D. D. G. Ms, who have preceded me in office, as well as the good judgment of the brethren of the various lodges in selecting enthusiastic and capable officers. The work with few exceptions was correctly and impressively performed.

I am sorry to have to report that the candidates are not, in many cases, sufficiently informed in the work, especially that of the third degree; nor do the candidates, generally speaking, throughout the District, subsequently undergo any examination in the third degree, which they should do.

I was pleased to note that the musical service is growing in favor in a number of lodges.

I am sorry to report that the semi-centennial fund has not met with that success throughout the District that it deserves. At all of my visits I endeavored to impress upon the brethren the fact that the reputation of Grand Lodge must be upheld by them, and that the success of this fund must not become a failure. I

had much encouragement in many instances, and, if the promises made are carried out, I expect several of the lodges will complete their full subscription toward the fund.

The social side of our fraternity throughout the district is of the most pleasing character. The entertainments as well as the speeches given during my official visits were in keeping with the dignity of the order.

I have visited every one of the lodges and desire to acknowledge the uniform kindness and hospitality extended to me by all the officers and members during my term of office.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London.—Visited this lodge March 9th, 1909. There was a large number of the brethren of this lodge and visiting members of sister lodges present on this occasion. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the second degree on the most perfectly instructed candidate that I have ever heard examined for advancement in a Masonic lodge. The work of this lodge was done in a most commendable way, in fact, Wor. Bro. Booth and his officers could not do otherwise, and I cannot give too much praise. The Worshipful Brother is possessed of a very kindly and sympathetic nature and has perfect control of the work of the order. The lecture on The Winding Stairs was given beautifully and impressively. The best of good fellowship exists and the lodge is doing splendid work, particularly in the very important matter of properly instructing the brethren. This lodge is greatly indebted to the immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. Weldon, for his indefatigable work, not only in the chair, but in looking after the sick or needy brother, no matter where his mother lodge.

At the conclusion of lodge, the brethren, numbering about two hundred and fifty, adjourned to the banquetting hall to enjoy an elegant spread, and where songs and speeches marked the close of a very pleasant and profitable evening.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London.—Visited this lodge Nov. 3, 1908. St. George's Lodge, one of the pioneers of Masonry, still maintains its reputation for excellent work and is a well conducted lodge. W. Bro. George Bott has shown himself to be a capable Master.

The third degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner with musical accompaniment. The officers are energetic and aim to be perfect in their parts and I found a very loyal feeling existing between the officers and members. The books are in the hands of an efficient secretary, W. Bro. Ellis, and are neatly and correctly kept.

There were present at this meeting thirty-four Past Masters, the largest number that I have met on any of my visits. A successful banquet followed and the visitors were well pleased with the hospitality extended.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas.—Visited this lodge Oct. 1st, 1908; this was my first official visit. I found the lodge room well filled with enthusiastic members and visitors, about two hundred, who gave me a royal reception. The third degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by the Wor. Master W. Bro Geddes, and his efficient staff of officers. The landmark of the ancient craft is firmly established in St. Thomas, No. 44, A number of skilled Past Masters take an active interest in the proceedings, consequently the work is exceedingly well and impressively rendered. Everything in this lodge betokens prosperity, harmony and good Masonic feeling. The banquet which followed the close of the lodge was one of the best. His Worship the Mayor, W. Bro Geddes, ably filled the position of toast master. The songs and speeches were in keeping with the occasion, especially those of R. W. Bros. Dubber, Roe, Lssery, Tancock and Dr. Guest.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London.—Visited this lodge Jan. 15th, 1909. There was a very good attendance of brethren. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Johnston, assisted by several Past Masters, exemplified the third degree on one candidate, in a manner not as perfect as I thought them capable of doing. The Wor. Master not receiving the support from his junior officers that is necessary, I promised to pay them another visit at a later date, which I did, on June 18th, 1909, when, to my surprise, the Wor. Master, assisted by the same Past Masters as on my former visit, exemplified the third degree. This, I think, should have been done if possible, by the Wor. Master. The

Senior Warden was not present. The rest of the officers gave their Master fair support.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley.—Visited this lodge Jan. 12th, 1909.—There was a large number of members and visiting brethren from St. Thomas and London present.

The third degree was conferred on a well-prepared candidate by W. M. Bro. Mitchell and Officers in a most impressive manner. This ceremony being the first performed by the newly installed Officers, is worthy of special mention.

After the work of the lodge was over a very pleasant and enjoyable hour was spent at a delicious repast.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth.—Visited this Lodge, Feb. 3rd, 1909, accompanied by a large number of brethren from London. I was disappointed at not being able to witness any degree work. By my request the lodge was opened and closed in three degrees; this was done fairly well. A little more practice on the part of the Officers, I think, would be an improvement. This lodge is noted for the generosity of its entertainments, and a fine banquet was held at the close of the lodge in the large dining hall; afterwards some good speeches were rendered by R.W. Bro. Thornicroft, W. Bro. Dr. Routledge, V. Wor. Bro. E. W. M. Flock, and others.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal.—Visited this Lodge, January 5th, 1909.—I was loyally received by the W.M.W. Bro. Hart. There was a good attendance of members and some distinguished visitors from St. Thomas and London present. The first degree was exemplified on a very attentive candidate. The work of the Worshipful Master was above reproach, and the work of the other officers deserves praise.

From reports of former D. D. G. M's. I consider that this lodge has made considerable advancement in the past year. With the exception of a few misplaced words, the work was done satisfactorily. After the close of the lodge we adjourned to the supper room where we spent a pleasant hour.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, Ont.—Visited this lodge May 5th, 1909.—The attendance was very large. The W. M., W. Bro. J. L. Millard, and his Officers exemplified the second degree on a correctly instructed candidate.

The work of the officers from the Worshipful Master to the Tyler, especially that of the Senior Warden, were almost ritualistically perfect. The Senior Warden's lecture and the charge were each given in such an efficient manner that they brought forth many comments from the brethren. The excellence of the work done by the Officers of this lodge is, no doubt, due to the presence of R. W. Bro. E. E. C. Kilmer, P. D. D. G. M.

The banquet which followed in the banqueting room, connected with the hall, was a marked success.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station.—Visited this lodge, May 7th, 1909.—The attendance of members was small, but there was a large number of visitors present from Dutton and Fingal.

There being no candidate for any of the degrees, the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees, fairly well.

A little more active interest and practice on the part of the Subordinate Officers would, I think, be an improvement. After the lodge was closed, I was entertained, with the visitors, to an excellent supper, after which came the customary toasts. The speeches were both witty and instructive especially that of R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, who with R. W. Bro. Tancock, accompanied me on this occasion.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont.—Visited this lodge, Jan. 8th, 1909.—There was a large attendance of their own members and a very large number of visitors from sister lodges present. The second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The work of the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. J. A. Meikle, was particularly well done, as was also that of the Senior Warden, who gave the lecture in this degree very impressively.

After a few explanations in regard to the correct mode of giving the secret work, and a little good advice from several of the visiting brethren, including R. W. Bro. O'Neil, of Thamesford, we adjourned to Bro. Charles' Hotel, where a bountiful repast was partaken of after which we were entertained with several very instructive addresses, especially that of W. Bro. Armstrong, of London.

Tuscan, Lodge, No. 195, London.—Visited this lodge, Feb. 1st, 1909.—The attendance was the largest

that has been known for years. The Wor. Master, W. Bro. Dr. Zeigler, who presided with great dignity and ability, and who is evidently well prepared for his high position, initiated one candidate in a very correct manner. The Wardens and Deacons gave the Wor. Master good support; in fact, all the Officers are working Masons. The Junior Warden's lecture was given well. The charge in the Book of Constitutions was rendered excellently by W. Bro. McKillop, of whom Tuscan Lodge should be proud.

Luncheon was served and afterwards brief speeches brought to a close an exceptionally pleasant evening.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London.—I visited this lodge on April 2nd, 1909.—There were fully two hundred and fifty brethren present, and the function was a most successful one. The Officers of this lodge are thoroughly up in their work and show evidence of careful training and rehearsal.

The W. M., W. Bro. Bowen, and his Officers, exemplified the third degree on a perfectly instructed fellow-craft, in an almost irreproachable manner, although the large number of brethren present somewhat crowded them, that I felt called upon to express my entire satisfaction with the proceedings. This lodge has a reputation for thoroughly instructing their candidates for advancement. The illustrated lecture given by the S. Deacon, Bro. Vining, deserves special mention. Their quartette also added very much to the impressiveness of the work of the evening.

The past Masters, especially V. W. Bro. J. Smith, take an active interest in the affairs of the lodge. The Secretary, Bro. J. H. Keenleyside, is to be complimented on the neatness and accuracy with which he does his work.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton.—Visited this lodge November 4th, 1908.—There was a large attendance of members and visitors. I congratulated the Wor. Master, W. Bro. Roberts, on the very impressive and correct manner in which he exemplified the second and third degrees, ably assisted by his Wardens and Deacons. The work was done very impressively, indeed. After the lodge closed one of the best banquets that I have had the pleasure of partaking of, was served. Several very instructive Masonic addresses were given. The brethren here are ex-

tremely kind and nothing is too good for the D. D. G. M.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo.—Visited this lodge Feb. 4th, 1909, on their regular night of meeting.—Through the Secretary not receiving my letter notifying him of my intention to visit his lodge on this date, the attendance was not as large as I would like to have seen. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Mason, passed one candidate to the Fellowcraft Degree most creditably, showing a perfect knowledge of the work. The Senior Warden, Junior Deacon and Senior and Junior Stewards were absent. The other Officers that were present gave the Wor. Master good support. A little more active interest and practice on the part of the junior officers would be an improvement. I am convinced that the new blood which is being infused will rapidly give evidence of a splendid growth. The lodge room is a little ancient, but I trust that the brethren will before long procure a more modern hall.

The ladies who prepared the beautiful supper deserved the hearty vote of thanks which was tendered them.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale.—Visited this lodge March 2nd, 1909.—There was a large turnout of the brethren and visitors from London, Thamesford, Bryanston and Nilestown.

As there was no work for that evening, I requested the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. McCutcheon, to open up the third degree and close. This was done correctly and I am satisfied that this lodge can do the work satisfactorily, and, why not, as R. W. Bro. Guest, P. D. D. G. M., is one of its members, and can look after them.

A very pleasant time was spent in the fourth degree and the address which was given was, indeed, worth special mention.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas.—If there is one lodge in which more than in any other, the visit of a representative of the Grand Master could be dispensed with, in any one year, it is St. David's, No. 302, if one may judge by what I saw on my visit to them November 19th, 1908. This lodge has a reputation for its splendid ritualistic work and its hospitality to visitors. The first degree was exemplified in a masterly manner by W. Bro. McCutcheon and his

splendid staff of Officers. The floor work was all that could be desired. The work of the Junior Deacon is worthy of special mention. The beautiful charge in this degree was excellently rendered by the popular W. Bro. McConnell.

The banquet which followed was a marked success. The speeches were witty and instructive. I might add that the brethren of St. Thomas are deserving of better quarters; they are not in keeping with the standing of the craft of St. David's, No. 302, and St. Thomas 44.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London.—Visited this lodge officially, Dec. 1, 1908.—This being my mother lodge, and knowing full well the kind of work that is always put on in Corinthian, I did not ask for any degree work on this occasion, being able to report favorably by the work I have witnessed on former occasions.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester.—I visited this lodge, Dec. 8th, 1908, accompanied by a number of brethren from London. The first degree was exemplified on one candidate in an excellent manner by the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. F. Boyce, ably supported by his Officers, especially the Junior Warden, who gave the lecture in this degree very impressively. The Secretary, Bro. Canning, is a very efficient and painstaking secretary. After the lodge was closed we spent a very pleasant hour in the fourth degree. The address of R. W. Bro. Tancock of London, and R. W. Bro. O'Neil, of Thamesford, on this occasion were very instructive and impressive.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown.—Visited this lodge November 3rd, 1908.—There was a good attendance of members and several visiting brethren were present. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the first and third degrees, rendered in a faultless manner. The work gave evidence of close attention on the part of the Officers to the many small details, which mark perfect work. The Wardens deserve special praise for their work which shows that the efforts of the Wor. Master, W. Bro. Gracey, to bring his lodge up to a high standing of Excelency, has proved most successful.

At the conclusion of the meeting a most enjoyable time was spent in the banquet room, where speeches

and songs brought to a close a most pleasant and profitable evening.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware.—Visited this lodge; April 30, 1909.—The attendance was small. The Wor. Master, W. Bro. Stilson, exemplified the second degree on one candidate in a very correct and painstaking manner, well assisted by his Officers, especially the Senior Warden, who gave his lecture with good expression.

W. Bro. Stilson, at my request, opened and closed his lodge in the third degree, in a manner satisfactory to me.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London.—Visited this lodge, Dec. 9th, 1908.—This was the night of their annual election of Officers and I am pleased to mention that it was very harmonious throughout. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Trick, exemplified the third degree on a very well prepared brother, and I am sure that it will make a lasting impression on him by the excellent manner in which it was given. All the work of the Officers was creditable to themselves and their lodge and rightly so, having such worthy brothers as R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery and V. W. Bro. E. L. Davis to guide and instruct them. After the work we enjoyed a dainty little supper and afterwards came the customary toasts and some eloquent remarks by the brethren.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston.—Visited this lodge, March 31st, 1909.—There was a large attendance, including R. W. Bro. D. Guest, and visiting brethren from Ilderton, Granton, Thorndale and Nilestown.

There being no degree I requested the Wor. Master, W. Bro. G. Kimball to open and close his lodge in the second and third degrees, which was done in a satisfactory manner. I was disappointed at there being no degree work, because I felt sure from the manner in which the Officers performed the opening and closing ceremonies that they would be able to exemplify the degree work satisfactorily.

W. Bro. Kimball has strong support from his Officers.

After the lodge was closed a very pleasant hour was spent at a private residence, where a rich repast was prepared for the brethren.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London.—Visited this lodge Feb 8th, 1909.—The attendance was very large at this meeting; in fact, it is always large at this lodge. Wor. Bro. D. C. Davidson, and his staff of Officers exemplified the first degree on one candidate in a faultless manner. The Junior Warden gave the lecture in a very impressive manner. Each Officer, from the Inner Guard upward, (and I wish to make special mention of the Inner Guard), for I do not think, that he can be beaten in the District), seemed anxious to do his best to make the work impressive and free from that jarring which is so noticeable when careful attentions to the minor details are neglected. On this occasion I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the members of Union Lodge, a beautiful Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. James Dean for the very efficient manner in which he managed the lodge during his term of office. A great deal of credit is due to Wor. Bro. Dean for the high standing of Union Lodge to-day. The banquet which followed was one of the best.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton, Ont.—Visited this lodge, May 3rd, 1909.—There was a fair attendance of members and a large number of visitors present. The work presented was a first degree which was rendered in a most efficient manner by W. Bro. McNeill, Immediate Past Master. The lecture given by the Junior Warden was very impressive. The Wor. Master, W. Bro. Morgan and his Officers are energetic, and aim to be perfect in their parts. I found a very loyal feeling existing between the Officers and members.

A very enjoyable banquet was served at the close of the proceedings.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford.—Visited this lodge, March 3rd, 1909. There was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. W. J. Smith, exemplified the second degree in a splendid manner.

Afterward the lodge was opened and closed in the third degree, in correct form. This ought to be the banner lodge of London District, because the greatest worker in Masonry, that I know of, is a member of this lodge. It is with pleasure that I refer to R. W. Bro. O'Neil, P. D. D. G. M.

Any difficulties which previously existed in this lodge are forgotten and those interested in its welfare are determined that nothing shall mar its future progress. This was amply proven by the sociability in the pleasant hours at the fourth degree.

Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville.—I visited this lodge on November 18th, at a special meeting called for my visit for which I wish to thank the Wor. Master, W. Bro. J. N. Cornish. All the officers were present. I was disappointed in not being able to see any degree work, but was well pleased with the work of the Wor. Master and his officers in opening and closing in the three degrees, and if the initiation ceremony can be judged by the manner in which this part of the work was performed, it would be well and ably carried out. After the lodge closed the brethren sat down to a bounteous repast and the ladies who prepared it deserved the hearty vote of thanks that was tendered them.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I have, to the best of my ability, tried to perform the several duties of my honored office, and if I have failed in carrying out my mission I ask the forgiveness of the brethren who have shown me so much kindness and consideration.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. W. METHERRALL, D. D. G. M.,
London District, No. 3.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present my report for South Huron District, No. 4.

Conforming to the suggestion of the Board, I will observe brevity as much as possible, and avoid entering too closely into details. I wish to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred on me in unanimously electing me to this important and responsible office, and to express my gratitude to the brethren throughout the district for the kind, courteous and true Masonic treatment accorded me on every occasion during my term of office. I feel more grateful when I know their actions are an indication of their loyalty to Grand Lodge, and were actuated by a true fraternal spirit to show their loyalty to the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. It has been my earnest endeavor to encourage accuracy and uniformity in the work, and to have every officer speak out clearly and distinctly so as to impress on the mind of every candidate the sacredness and dignity of true Masonry, so that the teachings that are there exemplified may sink deep into their hearts and bear fruits in every action of their lives. I am pleased to say that I have found the work well done with uniformity throughout the district.

If I were asked to specify any one thing that would tend to an improvement in the progress of Free Masonry and add to the interest of the lodge meetings, it would be along the line of encouraging a more general participation, in the debating of any question, on the part of the individual Master Mason. In too many cases I noticed that the Past Masters took these matters up almost to the exclusion of the rank and file. I think that the W. Ms could in a tactful way, bring the full privates, so to speak, into the discussions and general business of the order.

I am sure that this suggestion made in the best interest of the craft will be received in the kindly spirit in which it is offered. I would also add a short reference to my appreciation of the fact that instrumental and choral music is becoming more generally valued; work which is so well fitted to be wedded to music's strains, is thereby itself made more solemn and impressive especially in the movements in the history of a third degree candidate, which remain in his memory while life lasts.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to have to report the death of the following members of the craft who have passed away since the last report from this district: Bro. James Richardson, of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford; Denison De Los Carder, M. D., Blyth Lodge, No. 303; W. O. Read, Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth; E. L. Dickinson, K. C., Martland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich; Christopher McLennan, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford.

VISITS.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg.—My official visit was made to this lodge Dec. 7th, 1908. On arriving at New Hamburg I was cordially received by R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, who very kindly invited me to be his guest during my stay, and who made my visit most enjoyable. I received a very cordial welcome from a large gathering of members and visitors. Among the latter were: W. Bro. J. Stevenson and W. Bro. S. G. Mallion of Stratford. I was introduced to the lodge by R. W. Bro. Holley, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. Smith of Stratford. Here I had the pleasure of witnessing the first degree conferred by W. Bro. W. L. Sutherland in a most efficient and impressive manner. The opening and closing in the several degrees being also well done. The S. W. and J. W. are well acquainted with their several parts. I must make special mention of the lecture given by the J. Warden, Bro. A. Hahn. I never heard it better given or more impressively delivered. The lodge room is nicely furnished; the finances good. The secretary's (R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley) books are well and neatly kept, and the membership enthusiastic; prospects good. A sumptuous sup-

pér was served at the close of the lodge. This degree was worked very successfully after which many happy responses were given to the usual Masonic toasts.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton.—I visited this lodge officially on Dec. 11th, 1908. The attendance was large, and a most cordial and enthusiastic reception was accorded to me. The third degree was conferred upon a very intelligent and well prepared candidate by W. Bro. George McLennan in a most impressive manner. The work of the Wardens and of the Deacons and Inner Guard was very good, showing most careful training. The efficient secretary, H. B. Shant's, books are well kept, neat and clean, and the dues are well paid up. The lodge room is beautifully furnished, and with the manifest enthusiasm of its officers, I think the prospects of the lodge are very good. R. W. Bro. Dr. Shaw, who has received special mention in previous reports, again deserves recognition for his continued interest and active work. I was also pleased to see Bro. Dr. W. Gunn present, whose guest I was on this occasion. After the lodge closed a sumptuous banquet followed and speeches and songs brought a most enjoyable visit to a close.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell.—I visited this lodge officially on the evening of their regular meeting, Feb. 2nd, 1909. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. W. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Shaver. There was a good attendance and the work of initiation and passing was done in a most creditable manner by W. Bro. R. Nichol and his officers. The J. W., Bro. Morrow's, lecture was well delivered and given in a most impressive manner. The S. W., Bro. N. E. Coppin, performed his duties most creditably, as also did the I. G., Bro. F. Portifilo. There is a class of officers in Tudor Lodge second to none. They have the active assistance of R. W. Bro. W. Elliot, P. D. D. G. M., and the brethren are all working with that harmony which is very pleasing, and will make the continued success of the lodge a certainty. The books are well and neatly kept by the careful secretary, Bro. H. E. Amos, and the matter of dues is also well attended to. My reception and entertainment by the brethren of Tudor Lodge was extremely hospitable, and the banquet provided at Bro. N. E. Coppin's, could not have been excelled, and was very

much enjoyed by all. After which a pleasant hour was spent in pleasantries.

Elma Lodge, No. 456, Monkton.—My official visit to this lodge was on Feb. 4th, 1909. Having been kindly accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., whose guest I was on this occasion. I was accorded a very warm reception by a large number of members and visitors from Listowel and Milverton. It is a good omen to see the friendly spirit that exists between the members of Mitchell, Milverton and Listowel lodges, who fraternize in the most cordial manner. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Elliott and W. Bro. A. J. Cundick in the usual courteous manner. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Oliver Duffield on an exceedingly well prepared candidate in a most thorough and impressive manner, and he conducted the affairs of the lodge in a manner that proved him to be a competent ruler. The S. W. and J. W. performed their duties most satisfactorily. The lodge is fortunate in having a good secretary, W. Bro. A. R. Terry. He is accurate and competent and of great assistance to the W. M. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and reflects credit on the craft. A first-class banquet with speeches and singing concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall.—This lodge was officially visited by me at their regular meeting on Feb. 8th, 1909. I was introduced to the officers and members of the lodge by W. Bro. H. J. D. Cook and W. Bro. McKay. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. In visiting this lodge I always expect a pleasant and profitable time and am never disappointed. The work of the evening was the conferring of the sublime degree, which was done in a most creditable manner by W. Bro. J. B. McArthur. The opening and closing in each degree was well done and from the W. M. to the Deacons reflected much credit. Bro. James Bonthron is a most efficient secretary. The lodge has been favored with an abundance of work and the frequent addition of good material. After the lodge closed the brethren retired to the restaurant of Bro. Palmer, where a sumptuous banquet was provided and served in first-class style.

The brethren of Zurich Lodge are noted for their hospitality and after doing ample justice to it, most instructive addresses were given by Bro. Rev. Mr. Doherty, of Hensall, Bro. Rev. Mr. Hart, of Hensall, Bro. Dr. Campbell, of Zurich, Bro. Dr. Sellery of Hensall and others. The J. W.'s toast brought to a close a pleasant, enjoyable and most profitable evening.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Carlow.—I visited this lodge on February 25th, 1909, having been kindly accompanied from Goderich by W. Bro. Dr. W. S. Turnbull, the W.M., W. Bro. Jackson having called an emergent meeting for my convenience. Though it was a short time since the last regular meeting, there was a good attendance. I was cordially welcomed by the officers and members of the lodge, being introduced by W. Bro. Lieut. Col. Varcoe and V. W. Bro. Robinson. Every available brother was present. The third degree was presented for my inspection, and I have no hesitation in saying that the work could not be excelled in any of its details. W. Bro. Jackson has a thorough mastery of the ritual, has an attractive address and is a pleasing speaker. The secretary, W. Bro. Col. Varcoe, is most attentive. At the close of the lodge a social hour was spent in refreshments and speeches.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich.—I officially visited Maitland Lodge, Goderich, on Feb. 26th, 1909, and was fraternally received by the officers and members, a very large number being present. There was also a number of visitors from Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Carlow. I was pleased to see W. Bro. Lieut. Col. Varcoe, Bro. Smith from Barrie and Bro. Young from Thamesford. The third degree was conferred upon a remarkably well posted candidate, in a highly creditable manner by W. Bro. Dr. W. S. Turnbull and his well skilled officers. This was certainly the best worked and most impressive third degree that I have witnessed during my official visitations. Each officer was strictly correct in phraseology, clear and plain in pronunciation, emphatic in speech and impressive in diction. The W. M. is a rhetorician of considerable merit. The secretary, P. Master W. Bro. Tigert is an able officer in his position. P. M. W. Bro. Radcliffe takes a deep interest

in the work of the lodge and is ever ready to lend a helping hand in perfecting and conferring the same. At the fourth degree, W. Bro. Dr. Turnbull presided in a capable manner, when a most pleasant hour was spent in speech and song and fraternal pleasantries interspersed with patriotic songs and recitations, extending into the "wee sma' hours ayant the twal." Altogether this was one of the most delightful visits of the year.

Granton Lodge, No. 483, Granton. — My official visit was paid to this lodge on the evening of their regular meeting, March 1st, 1909. I received a cordial welcome from the W. M. Rev. James Abery. No words of mine can adequately express my satisfaction at observing the fine spirit evinced by the brethren, and the admirable manner in which the different officers supported their W. M., whose personality, perfection and fine address marks him as an ideal master in the craft. W. Bro. Rev. James Abery is a thorough and painstaking officer, and the lodge has acted wisely in retaining his services for another year. I was introduced to the W. M., officers and members of the lodge by W. Bro. W. Dann, V. S. The work of the evening, the conferring of two second degrees and also the opening and closing in the several degrees, was performed in a perfect manner, and I was pleased to express my entire approval, the work on the tracing board by the S. W., Bro. A. J. Clatsworthy, was exceptionally good. The lodge is to be congratulated on having an efficient secretary in the person of Bro. Webb. His books are kept in a perfect manner, dues well paid, and the financial affairs are in very good form. The prospects are very good. The fourth degree was sumptuous, which was done ample justice to, after which a most pleasant hour was spent in speeches and songs until the wee sma' hours.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth.—I visited this lodge officially on March 9th, 1909. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was conferred in a manner not surpassed by any lodge in the District, by W. Bro. Watson, in the unavoidable absence of W. Bro. Dr. Hamilton, and he was ably assisted by the Wardens and officers of the lodge. The lodge is in a satisfactory condition,

has a growing membership, and a competent staff of officers and Past Masters. This lodge is much indebted to R. W. Bro. James B. Tirnay, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bro. Watson and W. Bro. Scott for many services freely rendered from time to time, and who are in regular attendance at the meetings. The books and accounts are kept in a businesslike manner by V. W. Bro. J. M. Hamilton. The lodge is in an excellent condition financially, the brethren enthusiastic, and the prospects of the brightest. The entertainment at the close of the meeting held in Strother's Restaurant was exceptionally pleasant. Some excellent speeches were made by Bro. Smith, of Stratford Lodge, No. 332, W. Bro. Scott, W. Bro. W. Watson, V. W. Bro. Hamilton and others. The pleasures of the evening were brought to a close by singing "God Save the King."

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan.—I paid my official visit to this lodge April 1st, 1909. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. I was introduced to the officers and members by W. Bro. Hodgins and W. Bro. Dann, V. S. A large line of Past Masters graced the east, among them being W. Bro. Rev. James Abery, of Granton, W. Bro. Dr. Lang, Granton, and others. Work in the first degree was done in a most brilliant form. While other occupants of the chair in other lodges have done their work well, I have not seen any to equal W. Bro. Dr. Banting in the first degree. The work of opening and closing in the several degrees was also very well done. Irving lodge should feel proud of such a competent officer. The lecture by the J. W. was a credit to himself and an honor to the lodge he represents. The S. W. was very good, prompt and accurate. The charge given by W. Bro. F. G. Thompson was verbally accurate, and delivered most impressively. The Deacons were good. W. Bro. J. Abery addressed the members in his usual spicy and instructive manner. The secretary's books are marvels of neatness. The dues are well collected, and the lodge's prospects are excellent. The benevolent fund is not forgotten. An elaborate banquet, able and instructive speeches by W. Bro. Rev. Mr. Abery, Rev. Mr. Cornish, Rev. Mr. Carlyle and others. Jovial and patriotic songs by Bro. Babb and Bro. Rev. Mr. Carlyle brought to a close

in the wee sma' hours a most pleasant and profitable evening.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth.—On April 5th, 1909, I paid my official visit to my own lodge, Britannia, No. 170. Being an affiliated member and for many years an officer in the lodge, it is scarcely necessary to say it was a matter of pride and satisfaction to me to have the distinguished honor of representing the Grand Master among my own brethren. With my deputation, V. W. Bro. Ballentyne and W. Bro. Dr. Burrows, I was received by the W. M. W. Bro. J. M. Chesney with the usual honors. W. Bro. Chesney addressed me in very kind, complimentary terms. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, the latter hailing from Brussels and other neighboring towns. W. Bro. Chesney conferred the E. A. degree in a very able and creditable manner. He was well supported by a capable staff of officers. I was much pleased with the manner in which the I. G. Bro. K. McLean received the candidate. Being a believer in first impressions in common with many others, am always delighted when a candidate is received in a manner that will impress him with the solemnity of the Masonic ceremonies. The Deacon, Bro. G. E. Parks, performed his duties most satisfactorily. After the work of the degree, R. W. Bro. Morgan, P. D. D. G. M., delivered an excellent address on the symbolism of Masonry in its various degrees. A carefully prepared dissertation, calculated to arouse renewed interest in the true ideals of the craft, and which was followed with marked interest throughout. R. W. Bro. J. H. Reid, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. Ballentyne congratulated R. W. Bro. Morgan feelingly and fittingly. W. Bro. L. C. Jackson is a most efficient secretary and keeps a neat and correct set of books. The membership is growing, the additions being of excellent material. Britannia Lodge owes much to the continued active interest of such thorough Masonic students as V. W. Bro. Wm. Ballentyne and R. W. Bro. J. H. Reid, P. D. D. G. M. They take an active interest in its welfare. The Past Masters are also in evidence, and with such splendid Masons as W. Bro. O'Neill, W. Bro. W. J. Moffat, W. Bro. D. J. McCallum, W. Bro. Dr. Burrows, W. Bro. A. Barton and W. Bro. L. C. Jack-

son and others, the highest traditions will be upheld. After the meeting we were entertained at a banquet.

Milverton Lodge, No. 478, Milverton.—I visited this lodge officially on the evening of April 6th, 1909, and was cordially received by the W. M. W. Bro Dr. Lederman, officers and brethren. A large number of members and visitors registered that evening. I was introduced to the officers and members by W. Bro. Cundick, of Milverton, and W. Bro. J. S. Mallion, of Stratford, and was received with the usual formalities, coupled with some kind remarks by the W. M., who informed me he would offer for my inspection the third degree, which was exemplified in a perfect and impressive manner. Every officer had his work up to the letter. The candidate answered the necessary questions correctly, reflecting great credit on the brother who posted him. I found the books of the lodge neatly and correctly kept by the efficient secretary, Bro. W. J. Zoeger. After the lodge was closed an adjournment from labor to refreshment was made—to their banquetting room—and we enjoyed a sumptuous repast. A couple of hours were spent most profitably in social and fraternal intercourse, interspersed with speeches and witticisms which Masons so thoroughly know how to enjoy and appreciate.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden.—I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge officially at their regular meeting, May 7th, 1909. During my visit at Baden I was hospitably entertained as the guest of R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, P. D. D. G. M., and his esteemed family. R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, W. Bro. Sutherland and several other members from New Dominion Lodge accompanied me to Baden. I was introduced to the W. M. W. Bro. Livingston, officers and members by R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. S. Mallion, of Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, and was most cordially received. W. Bro. Livingston presented for my inspection the sublime degree on a well prepared candidate, and the work was very creditably done, all the officers being well up in their work. This lodge has a splendid staff of officers with a number of Past Masters, and is making fine progress this year. W. Bro. Dr. Butler is an untiring officer as secretary, and looks well after the duties of his office. The dues are well paid up and the finances

are in a healthy condition. At the close of the meeting a sumptuous banquet was prepared by the brethren and thoroughly enjoyed by all, and was presided over by W. Bro. Livingston in a graceful manner, the pleasant memories of which will never be effaced from my mind. The singing of "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne" closed my delightful visit with the brethren of Wilmot Lodge, No. 318. I might add that the true spirit of Masonry was exemplified in a practical manner in connection with the death of a member of the W. M.'s family.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Park Hill.—I paid my official visit to this lodge at their regular meeting on May 4th, 1909. I was introduced to the W. M., officers and members by R. W. Bro. W. Dawson, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. F. T. Zepfer, and was received most cordially. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among them being W. Bro. R. J. Stevenson and S. Mallion, of Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, W. Bro. C. Hodgins and W. Bro. Babb, of Irving Lodge, Lucan, W. Bro. Rev. James Aberly, of Granton Lodge, No. 483, and others. It is a good omen to see the friendly spirit that exists between the members of these lodges, who fraternize in a most cordial manner. There being no work on, the W. M. opened and closed in the several degrees in a most creditable manner. After the lodge closed a sumptuous and most enjoyable banquet was held at the Hastings House, and the proceedings were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music during the evening. Excellent addresses were made by R. W. Bro. Dawson, P. D. D. G. M., Bro. Zepfer, W. Bro. Rev. James Aberly, W. Bro. D. N. McLeod, W. Bro. R. J. Stevenson, W. Bro. S. Mallion, Rev. F. G. Newton and others, and were listened to with a great deal of pleasure. The songs sung by W. Bro. Babb and others were very much appreciated.

St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's.—I made my official visit to this lodge May 3rd, 1909. I was introduced to the W. M. W. Bro. John Hylands, officers and members by R. W. Bro. White, P. D. D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. Sharpe, and was received most cordially. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner, and also the open-

ing and closing in the several degrees by W. Bro. Hylands, who is supported by a capable staff of officers. I must make special mention of the lecture given by the J. W., Bro. L. Eddy, and also the S. W., who was prompt and accurate. The secretary's books, (W. Bro. Carman), are models of neatness. The finances are in good condition. After the meeting we were entertained to a banquet at the Windsor Hotel, after which many happy responses were given to the usual Masonic toasts in speech and song, and the time-honored circle with "Auld Lang Syne." I shall remember with a great deal of pleasure my several visits to St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, and hope that the time will soon come when true fraternal harmony and co-operation will bind the members of this fine lodge together in strength and unity.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford.—Visited Stratford Lodge, No. 332, on May 12th, 1909, and was pleased to see that the Classic City is kept well up to the front in matters Masonic. The enterprising and enthusiastic spirit which has made of Stratford an important business centre having quite evidently found its way within the mystic circle of the craft.

The lodge room is well and suitably appointed throughout, and is attractive, comfortable and homelike. The officers are heart and soul in the work and are capable and energetic exponents of Masonry, and the brethren are just the kind of genial and whole-souled folks that Masons ought to be. A very warm and enthusiastic reception was extended to me. I was introduced to the W. M., officers and brethren by R. W. Bro. Geo. Malcolm, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Wm. G. Irwin. The work of the evening was to confer the sublime degree, which was done by the W. M., W. Bro. Chas. Farquharson, in a correct and pleasing manner. The raising was worthy of special mention. The solemn and impressive rendering of this part of the ceremony could not fail to make a lasting impression on the minds of all who heard it. The movements of the Deacons on the floor were most precise and indicate careful training. The Deacons and the Inner Guard performed their duties beautifully. The work done by these brethren was well worthy of emulation. The charge was delivered to the candidate by W. Bro. Knitchtel in a most im-

pressive and creditable manner. This lodge does admirable work. I was pleased to congratulate W. Bro. Farquharson on his excellent work, also his officers.

The secretary's books are models of neatness and reflect very much credit on the painstaking incumbent of that office, W. Bro. F. J. Scarfe. The prospects of the lodge for continued prosperity are excellent. The elaborate banquet, served in splendid style, at the close of the meeting again showed as on former occasions, the unbounded hospitality of the Stratford brethren. A more than usually attractive programme had been provided. When the cloth had been removed the W. M. commenced an exceedingly creditable programme by a much-appreciated address, and the several toasts were proposed and responded to in short pithy speeches. The addresses by R. W. Geo. Malcolm, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bro. Knitchtel, Bro. McFadgeon, W. Bro. Gunn, of Durham Lodge, W. Bro. R. J. Stevenson and several other brethren were very much appreciated. Solos by Bro. Gordon Rankin, Mr. Servis and Mr. Pequegnat, and songs by the Wor. Bro. Capt. Money and several others were interspersed through the bill of fare.

Granton Lodge, No. 483, Granton.—On Nov. 2nd, 1908, by the request of the Most W., the Grand Master, I had the honor and the pleasure of dedicating Granton Lodge, No. 483. I was assisted in the ceremony by R. W. Bro. White and V. W. Bro. J. Constable of St. Mary's, R. W. Bro. Cris McLellan and W. Bro. J. Stevenson of Stratford; W. Bro. Hodgins and W. Bro. Fox of Lucan, and several others taking an active part—all of whom I thank very cordially for their kindness. After the ceremony had been performed, I installed the S. W., J. W., Deacons and Stewards. W. Bro. Dann occupied the East, and his career, and also W. Bro. Dr. Lang's will, no doubt, be an incentive to other brethren, and will stand as proof that the craft will always appreciate and reward faithful service. I shall always look forward with pleasure and confidence to Granton Lodge's progress, and I shall be glad to hear of its doing well in the future.

St. Mary's Lodge.—I had the pleasure of instituting a new lodge of Masonry at St. Mary's, May 20th, 1909, by command of the M. W. the Grand Master,

and was pleased to have the honor of appointing their officers-elect to their several chairs, and opened and closed in the several degrees. R. W. Bro. White, P. D. D. G. M., is the W. M. of the new lodge, which is at present of course working under a dispensation. The best wishes of a host of brethren accompanied the new lodge and its officers, who are full of enthusiasm in their efforts. A banquet at which many bright speeches and well-rendered songs found vent, tended further to cement the kindly feeling and friendly wishes for the future.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford.—The date of my visit in an official capacity was made to this lodge, May 21st, 1909, and what I have said of lodges in a general sense might well be repeated of Tecumseh Lodge in this city. Capacity, resourcefulness, Loyalty and good taste—these were the points that most firmly fixed themselves in my mind as the central features evinced in this lodge, and as a consequence of their existence, Tecumseh Lodge is one of the branches of Masonry which has attained a proud position and aroused a healthy rivalry. W. Bro. Dr. Gray is the present W. M., and is up-to-date and wide-awake in his methods and has excellent support from the executive officers throughout. The Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Secretary, W. Bro. R. J. Stevenson, are his right-hand men, and are enthusiastic in the researches for the mysteries of our order. The third degree was exemplified in a manner which merited the greatest praise, and the candidate gave evidence of careful training in the ground work of the craft. W. Bro. Dr. Gray is an ideal presiding officer and receives the best of support from his colleagues. He had an unusually impressive voice, and in addition has his work perfect. His support by both Wardens and Deacons is very good, and the true Masonic feeling among the brethren makes a communication of the lodge a happy event to look forward to by all. Everything in connection with the lodge betokens prosperity, harmony and fraternal feeling, and its members show a deep interest in Masonry. The extra good attendance on this occasion, in view of the visit of the D. D. G. M., and the evident enjoyment of that event, so well voiced by the W. M., showed a practical interest in the general prog-

ress of Masonry all along the line. The choir connected with the lodge added most materially to the success and interest of the renderings, and its efforts might, to a very great advantage, be emulated in other lodges. I would like to dwell upon the individual efforts of the choristers who thus signally sustained and supported the programme of the evening, but I recognize the necessity of brevity in these reports and will merely testify to the excellent and most kindly assistance rendered by the singers, to the thorough satisfaction of all concerned. It became quite an evident thing that music is a most pleasing handmaiden to Free Masonry. The memory of the banquet on this occasion is fragrant with most enjoyable songs, speeches and hospitality. A good impression was formed in my mind by the loyalty to our purpose and interest in the work exhibited by Tecumseh Lodge, which also illustrated in the fourth degree the very hospitable spirit which pervades the lodge. Without forgetting the excellent work exhibited by others, I brought away most pleasing memories of the manner in which the beautiful ritual was rendered throughout. "God Save the King" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133.—On the 31st of May, 1909, I found myself on duty at this lodge, ushered into the mystic circle by R. W. Bro. Dickson, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. Stewart, and received in courteous and fraternal style by the able and efficient W. M., Rev. Mr. Collins, who presides with much ability over the affairs of Lebanon Forest Lodge, A. F. and A. M. Here, as elsewhere, I found the three things that made the heart of a visiting D. D. G. M. glad—enthusiastic loyalty to the craft, capable handling of its affairs, and a faithful and impressive rendering of our beautiful liturgy, which told of midnight oil and fraternal zeal. The third degree was beautifully exemplified. The lodge work was beyond criticism and the officers, all the way from the oldest to the youngest, made it a matter of principle to see that each individual duty received its full share of attention. The Senior and Junior Wardens and Deacons, and, in fact, all the officers interpreted the degree with marked efficiency. Songs,

speeches and fraternal reminiscences were features of the banquet. At the end of the lodge meeting, and at its close, the stars looked down with knowing winks upon a good-sized bunch of happy Masons homeward bound.

R. E. COOPER, D. D. D. M.,
South Huron District, No. 4

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present to you my report on the condition of Masonry, in North Huron District, No. 5, for the year 1908-9, and am pleased to be able to record a most satisfactory condition of things.

In the first place, I wish to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, in electing me to this important and responsible office, and to express to the brethren throughout the District my gratefulness for the uniform and kindly treatment accorded to me, whilst paying my official visits. A cordial reception was given to me on every occasion.

The harmony that exists throughout the District is most gratifying, with one exception, which exception, I have reason to hope, will be satisfactorily adjusted.

I am sorry to have to report the death of Rt. W. Bro. Thos. Pinkerton, of Moravian Lodge, No. 431, a P. D. D. G. M., of this District, on Sept. 1st, 1908.

All the lodges in the district have been officially visited during the year. I am pleased to be able to report that the lodges generally throughout the District have made substantial progress in their contributions towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and that before long nearly all of the lodges will have paid their quota in full.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich.—This was my first official visit, Nov. 5th, 1908. I was accompanied by W. Bro. J. A. Kelly, of Bernard Lodge, No. 225. There were fifteen members present. There being no candidates for degrees, the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, which was fairly well

done, considering the short time they had been in office. The secretary's work must be well done when in the hands of such an enthusiastic Mason as R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchison, whom I was particularly pleased to meet. This lodge is a little behind with the S. C. B. Fund, but I think it will make an earnest effort to have it completed. A pleasant social hour ended a very enjoyable evening.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286. I visited this lodge on Dec. 1st. The attendance was good. My train being late, the degree work was nearly over on my arrival, but judging from the able manner in which the Master and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, I should say they are capable of doing excellent work. It was a pleasure to meet R. W. Bro. Morton, the secretary, who has his books and the finances of the lodge in excellent shape. They have a very comfortable, well appointed and attractive lodge room. After the lodge was closed we were invited to the restaurant where ample refreshments were provided and a pleasant time spent.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley.—I visited this lodge on Dec. 4th, and received a hearty and fraternal welcome from the brethren. They have a neat and comfortable lodge room. The attendance was good. The books of the lodge are very neatly and correctly kept and the dues well paid up. The work of the evening was a raising, which was done by W. Bro. Grant and his officers in an excellent manner. The claims of the S. C. B. Fund were urged and will eventually be paid in full. A banquet was held at the close of the lodge and a pleasant time spent.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel.—I visited this, my mother lodge, on Dec. 28th, "St. John's Night," and was well received by my brethren. The attendance was exceptionally good. The principal work of the evening was the installation and investiture of the officers for the ensuing year, which was done by Rt. Wor. Bro. Campbell, our veteran Mason, acting as installing Master, in a very creditable manner. A pleasant feature was the presentation of a Past Master Jewel by W. Bro. Morphy, on behalf of the lodge, to the retiring Master, W. Bro. Kelly. From my knowledge of W. Bro. Donaldson and his officers for

1909, the prosperity for another year is assured. After the closing of the lodge, we adjourned to the dining room of the Arlington Hotel, where a couple of enjoyable hours were spent in refreshment, toast, speech and song.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton, was visited on the evening of January 12th, 1909. There was a fairly good attendance of the members. They have very comfortable and well furnished lodge room. I was pleased to renew friendship with Rt. W. Bros. Scott and Clark. The secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept. There being no degree work, W. Bro. Currie and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees. Called the lodge from labor to refreshment and from refreshment to labor in a very satisfactory manner.

The teachings of Masonry are not forgotten by the brethren of this lodge, and they have every prospect of completing their share towards the S. C. B. Fund, in the near future.

After the lodge adjourned, the brethren were invited to the dining room of the Hartley House, where an excellent supper was partken of. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, so a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow.—I visited this lodge on Feb. 5th, and about thirty-five members gave me a cordial welcome. I was particularly pleased to see the interest taken by the Past Masters, there being twelve present. The lodge room is comfortable and well furnished. Although the harmony has not prevailed that should in a Masonic lodge, I am led to believe that the little differences have been finally settled. There was no degree work to be done. The Master, W. Bro. Saunders and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, and I have no doubt they are able to confer degrees with the same correctness.

The secretary's books are fairly well kept, with the dues well paid up. After the lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to the refreshment room and spent a profitable hour around the festive board.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton. — I visited this lodge on Feb. 9th, and met a good repres-

entation of the members, among whom was Rt. Wor. Bro. F. Goodier, P. D. D. G. M., of St. Clair District, No. 2. The work of the evening was two initiations, which W. M. McVittie and his officers conferred in a very acceptable manner.

This lodge is in splendid circumstances financially as they own a very comfortable and well furnished lodge room. They have every prospect of completing their share towards the S. C. B. Fund. The secretary, Bro. Mitchell, has the books in good shape. After the close of the lodge, the brethren gathered in their refreshment room, where the fourth degree was done ample justice to.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton.—March 2nd was the date of my official visit to this lodge. I was delighted with the loyal and hearty reception accorded to me as the representative of Grand Lodge, and to note the high place Masonry occupies in the town.

I expected good work from Cedar Lodge because I knew that with the large number of energetic and well-posted Past Masters, including Rt. Wor. Bros. Wamsley, Ferguson and Cameron, taking an active interest in its welfare, anything but a high class of work would not be tolerated.

The W. M., W. Bro. Jackson, and other officers, acquitted themselves well, and the work of the third degree put on by them was exceptionally good.

The books of the lodge are well looked after by Bro. Paterson. After the lodge closed the brethren were invited to the refreshment room to participate in the good things there provided, and after due attention was paid to them, the usual toasts were proposed and duly responded to, interspersed with songs, thus bringing to a close a most pleasant meeting of the craft.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin, Mar. 4th, 1909—I made my official visit to this lodge this evening, their regular meeting night, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Brook, of Bernard Lodge, No. 225. There was a good attendance of members. They have a comfortable lodge room. I was pleased to make the acquaintance of R. W. Bro. W. F. Bald, P. D. D. G. M., of Niagara District, No. 10, who is a bright and active Mason.

The work was a second degree, which was fairly well done. I was particularly pleased to note the perfect manner the candidate had been prepared for advancement.

The lodge has only paid a small share to the S. C. B. Fund as yet, but I think the stirring up they got will have a good effect.

At the conclusion of the work, a banquet, followed by toasts, speeches and songs, brought to a close a most enjoyable gathering.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover.—Visited this lodge on March 5th, on their regular meeting night. There was a good attendance of their members, with eight visitors from Durham Lodge, and W. Bro. Croome, of Tara Lodge. They have a nice, well furnished lodge room. W. Bro. Coppinger and his officers exemplified the second degree and opened and closed in the three degrees in a very efficient manner. The W. M. assures me that their share of the S. C. B. Fund will be paid in full before next Grand Lodge meeting. The secretary, Bro. Tizzard, has the books in a satisfactory condition.

After the lodge closed, the brethren gathered in the refreshment room, where a pleasant time was spent.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove.—Visited here on March 12th. The attendance was fair. This lodge has suffered a severe loss during the year by the death of Rt. W. Bro. Pinkerton, a P. D. D. G. M., of this District.

There being no work, W. Bro. McKeeman and his officers exemplified the first degree for my inspection in an excellent manner. The work of the Master and Bro. Zeigler, the Junior Warden, was among the best in the District.

This is one of the lodges that have done nothing towards the Semi-Centennial Fund, but after explaining the matter to them, I think they will make an effort to do something.

At the close of the meeting an adjournment was made to the hotel nearby, where a supper was prepared, and a pleasant time spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels.—I visited this lodge officially on March 30th. The attendance

of members was good. They have comfortable though small quarters. The work for the evening was an initiation and a raising. The W. M., W. Bro. Richards, and his officers, did the work very efficiently. The J. W. gave the lecture of an E. A. without a mistake. I was particularly pleased to see the candidate for further advancement have all his answers and obligation perfect. The books of the secretary are well kept.

They have not as yet paid anything towards the S. C. B. Fund, although having had a small amount collected for that purpose for some time. I think they will try to do their duty in that respect.

After the close of the lodge, tables were spread in the lodge room where a pleasant time was spent.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara.—I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 5th. The books are well kept and the finances in good condition. The W. M., W. Bro. Croome, and his officers, initiated a candidate, and opened and closed in the three degrees. The work taken altogether was very well done.

I am pleased that this lodge will shortly complete its share towards the S. C. B. Fund.

I was particularly pleased to make the acquaintance of V. W. Bro. McDonald, who is an ideal Mason. After the lodge was closed the brethren repaired to their refreshment room, where ample justice was done.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine. — I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge officially on April 7th. There was a large attendance of members as well as a number of visitors. As this is the banner lodge of this district in many respects, I expected W. Bro. Watson and his officers to do good work, in which I was not disappointed.

The lodge is in a prosperous condition financially, owning the beautiful hall in which they meet. They are enjoying perfect harmony, and their future prospects are most encouraging.

The secretary's books could not be otherwise but well kept, when in the hands of such an enthusiastic Mason as Rt. W. Bro. MacPherson.

I am pleased to report that this lodge is one of the few lodges in this District that have completed payments to the S. C. B. Fund.

After the lodge closed, the members gathered in their dining hall, where a most sumptuous repast had been prepared. A most enjoyable time was spent in songs and speeches before the termination of a very pleasant visit.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater.—This lodge was visited on my behalf by Rt. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, of Wingham Lodge, No. 286, who sends me the following report:

According to your request I attended on your behalf at Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, on their regular meeting night, Thursday, April 22nd, where I found twenty-three members present. W. Bro. Gus. H. Hasenflug, assisted by his officers, opened and closed in the degrees in a very creditable manner, and W. Bro. Campbell conferred the second degree in an exceedingly excellent style, adequate support being afforded by the subordinate officers. The examination of the candidate is worthy of note, as being nearly faultless, reflecting credit not only upon the brother examined, but also on his instructor. The lodge has an excellent secretary in Bro. Colvin, and the finances are properly looked after by W. Bro. Dr. Stewart.

I was accompanied on my visit by W. Bro. John Ritchie, of Wingham, and had the pleasure of meeting at Teeswater, Rt. W. Bro. Thomas Brown, P. D. D. G. M., of Wroxter.

At the close of the lodge we adjourned to one of the hotels, where a splendid banquet had been prepared, all present proving themselves past masters in the gastronomic art. Speeches and songs, the latter by Bro. Green and the newly-passed candidate, Bro. Watson, added to the interest of an enjoyable evening.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, was visited at my request by Rt. W. Bro. M. J. MacPherson, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, who reports as follows:

As requested by you I visited Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, on Tuesday evening, May 4th, 1909. Accompanied by V. W. Bro. E. Miller, V. W. Bro. J. A. MacPherson, and several other brethren of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93. We drove over from Kincardine. I found a goodly number of the brethren in attendance, including a number of visitors.

As there was no regular work on for the evening, the W. Master, W. Bro. Jas. Kippin, and his staff of officers, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner.

V. W. Bro. E. Miller exemplified the examination of a visitor by a board of trial, which was very instructive and interesting to the brethren present.

The amount of out-standing dues in this lodge is considerable, but this matter, I think, will receive more attention from W. Bro. D. McLaren, the newly-elected secretary. I am sorry to report that this lodge has not taken the interest in the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund which it deserved, and I tried to show to the brethren the duty they owed to Grand Lodge by supporting this fund, and asked them to contribute the amount expected of them, which, I think, they will do in the near future.

After the lodge adjourned the brethren were invited to a magnificent banquet at the Commercial Hotel, after which a high-class entertainment was provided, and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley.—My official visit to this lodge was made on May 4th, 1909. On account of the removal of the W. M. from the town, W. Bro. Mickle occupied the East. There was a good attendance of members. They have a well furnished and comfortable lodge room.

The work of the evening was conferring the first degree, which was given in a very correct and particularly impressive manner.

I was pleased to be able to congratulate them on being one of the few lodges in this District which had completed their payments towards the S. C. B. Fund. The books of the lodge are being well looked after by the secretary, W. Bro. Ross.

After the lodge was closed, refreshments were served in an adjoining room, and an enjoyable hour was spent.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth. — This lodge was visited officially on my behalf by Rt. W. Bro. James Wamsley, of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, who reports as follows:

As requested by you, I paid an official visit to Burns Lodge, No. 436, on their regular meeting night, May 11th, accompanied by W. Bro. Newman and Bros. Moore and Trout. There was a fairly good attendance. There being no work, W. Bro. Reid and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, which was well done.

They have a comfortable and well furnished lodge room. The secretary's books are well kept.

After the close of the meeting, an enjoyable time was spent.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxtor. I visited this lodge officially on May 31st, accompanied by Bro. J. R. Grant, of Bernard Lodge.

The attendance of members was only fair, but they make up for lack of members by the very cordial reception they give visitors. The work of the evening was the election of officers and opening and closing in the three degrees, the whole of which was done by W. Bro. Wendt and his staff of officers in a satisfactory manner. The books of the lodge must necessarily be in good shape while in the hands of such an efficient and enthusiastic Mason as Rt. W. Bro. Brown.

I am satisfied this lodge will do their duty towards the S. C. B. Fund.

After the close of the lodge an enjoyable banquet was held at the King Edward Hotel, and so brought to a close a pleasant visit.

In conclusion, I again wish to thank the brethren of the District for the courteous manner in which I have been invariably received on my official visits, and especially, Rt. W. Bros. Walmsley, Morton and MacPherson, who gave me valuable assistance.

I shall never forget the many pleasant hours spent with my brethren in the different lodges, and shall have fond recollections of the time I represented the M. W., the Grand Master in North Huron District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. J. FOSTER, D. D. G. M.,
North Huron District, No. 5.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO 6.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

My first official visit was to King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg, Nov. 4. Some years previously I had seen the officers of this lodge confer the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction held at Waterford. The work upon that occasion was particularly well done, and I am pleased to note that the same high standard has been maintained. The lodge is fortunate in possessing an exceptionally fine suite of rooms where the work can be exemplified to the best advantage. During the evening Wor. Bro. Baird conferred a third and first degree, the work being especially well done. The floor work was good, especially that of the Senior Deacon. Wor. Bro. Raines and McQueen showed me every courtesy and my visit to Tillsonburg was a most enjoyable one.

Nov. 6th, I visited King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, and enjoyed one of the most pleasant visits of my Masonic year. A few weeks previously I had paid an unofficial visit to King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, and had seen Wor. Bro. Naylor of King Hiram exemplify the third degree. Some sixty-five members of his lodge accompanied him and the work was put on in a most finished manner. Naturally, I looked for work equally well done and was not disappointed. If possible, Wor. Bro. Naylor and his officers improved upon their former effort, and the third degree was exemplified in faultless style. The members were out in force and everything indicated a most progressive spirit in the lodge. Among the visitors present were Wor. Bro. MacKay, of Woodstock, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Hegler, of St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll. A pleasing feature of the evening was the banquet which was so arranged that the members could enjoy the evening and yet get home not later than eleven.

This is a most commendable departure from the usual custom. The semi-centennial Fund is being well looked after and the lodge is in a most prosperous condition. I take this opportunity of thanking Wor. Bro. Naylor for his many courtesies to me before and after lodge.

November 7th, I paid my official visit to Scotland Lodge to instal the officers. The lodge for the past year had been presided over by Wor. Bro. Claude Mitchell, and had had a most prosperous year. The attendance of brethren at the regular meetings of the year had been particularly good, and the work of the officers was excellent. The work of the first degree was exemplified previous to the installation, and Wor. Bro. Mitchell did particularly good work. Afterwards a most enjoyable time was spent in the banquetting room, where visitors from Waterford, Burford and Norwich added to the pleasure of the evening.

November 27, Springfield Lodge kindly granted me an emergency meeting, and accompanied by several of the Burford brethren, I paid my official visit. Some years before, I had accompanied Rt. Wor. Bro. Taylor on his official visit to Springfield, and we had come away with the feeling that this was the foremost lodge in the District. The work upon that occasion had been exceptionally well done by Wor. Bro. Stewart and his officers, who showed a thorough mastery of the work in all its details. Under the careful supervision of Rt. Wor. Bro. Stewart and Very Wor. Bro. Muller, the officers have maintained the same high standard, and the third degree was exemplified in a splendid manner. After lodge we were most royally entertained by the officers of the lodge. One of the features of the lodge work is the fact that Very Wor. Bro. Muller succeeds in getting each new member to contribute to the Semi-Centennial Fund, although this lodge has not long since paid its full amount.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich.—Accompanied by Wor. Bro. Armstrong and Wor. Bro. Wallace, I visited Norwich Lodge, Dec. 4th. Wor. Bro. Eggman, who was filling the East for the second term, conferred the second degree, and the work was every-

thing that could be desired. The floor work was especially well done, the Senior Deacon being one of the best I have seen. The attendance of Past Masters was most encouraging and I very much appreciated the presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. McCurdy, Past D. D. G. M., of Wilson District. The work of the candidate was such as to reflect credit upon himself and the brother who prepared him. I must also mention that this lodge has one of the most attractively fitted up lodge rooms in the district. I take this opportunity of thanking Wor. Bros. Hulet, Corlett, Hogarth, Poldon, Irwin and the other brethren for their kindness in accompanying me to Delhi.

Embro Lodge was next visited on Dec. 11, and a most enjoyable visit it was.

This was my second visit to Embro, as I had accompanied Rt. Wor. Bro. Taylor there some years before. Since that time new quarters have been secured and the lodge presented a very cosy, comfortable appearance. Wor. Bro. Munro, assisted by Wor. Bro. Brown, conferred the third degree in excellent style, and the candidate showed careful preparation. Wor. Bro. Green and Wor. Bro. Creighton showed me every courtesy and my visit was a most pleasant one.

On Dec. 18th, I visited Frederick Lodge, Delhi, accompanied by a number of brethren from Norwich. Frederick Lodge has not had any work for some time, but the officers have not neglected their duties, and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a most capable manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Chrysler occupied the chair in the absence of the Wor. Master. Since paying my official visit several applications have been received, and I have every confidence that under Rt. Wor. Bro. Chrysler the lodge will do good work. The position of secretary is capably filled by Wor. Bro. Wedd, and the hospitality extended to the visitors by the officers of the lodge was everything that could be desired.

Oak Branch Lodge, Innerskip, was visited on Dec. 31, a most enjoyable evening being spent. This was the occasion of installation of officers, and assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dutton, the work was performed. A large number of visitors were present and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Both Woodstock

lodges sent over a goodly contingent of visitors, and in this connection I may say that if there is one thing more helpful than another in lodge work it is to see a large delegation from the sister lodges. If the visiting brethren could only hear all the kindly things said about them they would come oftener. The new officers of Oak Branch Lodge give every promise of being a capable staff, and I take this opportunity of commending the intention of the Wor. Master-elect of arranging for a series of lectures during the winter from distinguished members of the craft. The retiring Master, Wor. Bro. Whitesides, proved a most efficient officer and the most genial of hosts.

Jan. 1st, I visited Vittoria Lodge, where I was pleased to meet Rt. Wor. Bro. Waddle, of Wilson District, No. 6. The lodge opened promptly—a much-to-be-desired rule—and the installation of officers was proceeded with. Vittoria Lodge is in a particularly flourishing condition, and under Wor. Bro. Smith, every officer has reached a high degree of efficiency. Owing to the fact that it was ladies' night, no work was exemplified, but good work has been done during the year. The attendance of Past Masters has been most gratifying and the younger members were also very much in evidence. We repaired to the hall up town, where we were welcomed by the ladies and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Wor. Bro. Smith is to be congratulated upon the excellent condition in which I found Vittoria Lodge.

Jan. 8th I visited Blenheim lodge, Princeton, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Smiley and Ver. Wor. Bro. Smoke. The first part of the evening's work consisted of an examination of Bro. Perry, who had received his third a month previously. Bro. Perry showed himself thoroughly conversant with the work of the third degree and proved an exceptionally well-prepared candidate. This is the only lodge in the Wilson District which has adopted this important feature of the work, and I take this opportunity of congratulating Wor. Bro. Conway upon this very commendable departure from the usual custom. The officers then exemplified the third degree in a manner no where excelled in Wilson District. Wor. Bro. Conway has brought Blenheim Lodge to a high standard

of efficiency and the officers are a most enthusiastic lot of workers. After lodge we were royally entertained and a most enjoyable evening was spent. I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the many courtesies which have been extended to me in past years by the members of this lodge.

Jan. 23, Vienna lodge, Vienna, and Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell, held a joint meeting, and I installed the officers of Vienna Lodge, No. 237. Some years previously I had visited both lodges in company with Rt. Wor. Bro. Taylor, and had many pleasant memories of the kindnesses extended to us by the officers and members of these two lodges. Both lodges opened and closed in the three degrees in splendid shape and a strong progressive spirit exists in both. After lodge we were entertained in the usual hospitable manner and Rt. Wor. Bro. Clutton delighted all with his Scotch recitations. I take this opportunity of thanking Wor. Bro. Backhouse for his many courtesies to me during my stay in Port Burwell.

Plattsville Lodge was next visited, Feb. 5. As I had visited Plattsville upon various other occasions, it was with considerable pleasure that I looked forward to my official visit there. The usual fraternal welcome was accorded me and as there was no work on, the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. The work was well done and Plattsville lodge is in a most satisfactory condition. Wor. Bro. Henderson the efficient and highly esteemed secretary, keeps his books in the best shape of any in the district, and is untiring in his efforts to make the lodge prosperous. Bro. Wilson and others showed me every courtesy and the evening was a most delightful one and a pleasant evening was brought to a close in the wee sma' hours.

Friday, Feb. 19, I visited Wilson Lodge, Waterford. This is one of the strongest and most progressive lodges in our District and under the guidance of Rt. Wor. Bro. Ross has set a high standard of efficiency. A glance over the register showed that the attendance of the brethren on the regular meeting nights was particularly good. Bro. Gibson, the efficient secretary, is able to say that his lodge is one

of the favored few with no arrears, and a very neat booklet is issued showing the progress of the lodge for the year. The Wor. Master, who had just been installed, conferred a first degree and did it in a most pleasing manner. His assisting officers were a most capable staff, the lecture by Bro. Savage being especially well done. Some years before I had attended a lodge of instruction at Waterford and witnessed a third degree by them. The work was excellent and the present officers show by their work that they are aiming at the same high standard. After the work a pleasant time was spent and a most enjoyable evening brought to a close.

March 1, I visited Erie Lodge, Port Dover, and received a most fraternal welcome. Erie Lodge is in splendid shape which is due largely to the efforts of Rt. Wor. Bro. Waddle, and the junior officers, whilst young at the work, give every evidence of good work in the future. The young men were very much in evidence and the floor work was particularly good. The Junior Deacon gives promise of being an excellent officer. The Wor. Master exemplified the work of the third degree in a thoroughly dignified manner, which was particularly pleasing. After lodge we were entertained in the banquetting room, and after justice had been done to the many good things, I had the pleasure of presenting Wor. Bro. Miller with a past master's jewel. Bro. Miller was a general favorite and we hope he may be long spared to wear it.

Mar. 1, St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, was visited, and I received a most cordial welcome from the Wor. Master and the officers of the lodge. St. John's lodge I found to be in good shape, and together with King Hiram, has made many improvements in the lodge room during the past year. During the evening a first degree was exemplified by the Wor. Master and his officers in a very capable manner. The Wor. Master does his work in a quiet earnest manner and the junior officers are all enthusiastic workers. The candidate was especially good and gave promise of being a good officer in time to come. Bro. Douglass, the genial secretary, had his books in good shape and the prospects are bright, indeed, for St. John's lodge.

After the work we were entertained most agreeably and a pleasant evening spent.

Mar. 5. King Solomon and Oxford Lodges held a joint meeting on the occasion of my official visit. The most cordial relations exist between these two lodges and it is very gratifying to see the harmony which exists between them. During the evening Wor. Bro. Edwards and Wor. Bro. Dougal exemplified the third degree and did it in a manner which not only reflected great credit upon themselves, but gave every evidence that the trust reposed in them by their brethren had been worthily bestowed. The musical part of the ceremony was beautifully rendered and both lodges are to be congratulated upon the efficiency of their officers. It had been my pleasure to visit both lodges on previous occasions and the work has not been better done at any time. The past masters take a keen interest in the work amongst whom might be mentioned Ver. Wor. Bro. Scarfe, whose regular attendance has always been a pleasing feature of my visits. After the work of the evening we were royally entertained, and Bro. Walker and myself left for home feeling that we had spent the evening of the year.

Mar. 9, I visited St. John's Lodge, Paris. This has been the banner year of St. John's Lodge and today it is one of the strongest in Wilson District. During the year sister lodges have been present and exemplified the work and the emergency meetings have been made most attractive to the members. Wor. Bro. Armitage adopted the plan of keeping the past masters in constant use and I question if any lodge has received more consistent support from its past masters than St. John's has. The Wor. Master during the year has conferred all three degrees and the work of the lodge has been marked by a steady improvement throughout. On the occasion of my official visit a first degree was exemplified and the work was characterized by a dignity that was most impressive. I take this opportunity of congratulating Wor. Bro. Armitage upon the most excellent showing of St. John's Lodge during his tenure of office. After lodge the brethren were entertained in the usual hospitable manner. Among the visitors present was Wor. Bro.

Naylor of King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, who gave a most interesting address.

Mar. 30, I visited Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, and spent one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year. The secretary met me upon my arrival and I was most hospitably treated during my stay. At lodge I was pleased to renew acquaintances from Vittoria, amongst whom were Wor. Bros. Smith and Pow. The lodge rooms at Simcoe are particularly well appointed and there exists a strong Masonic spirit amongst the brethren. During the evening I was shown a beautiful selection of trowels which had been the property of Most Wor. Bro. Wilson, who was a member of this lodge. During the evening Wor. Bro. Misner conferred two seconds and the work was done in a most polished manner. The Wor. Master is a most untiring worker and both candidates had been prepared by him in faultless manner. The officers were uniformly good and did their work well. After lodge we were most royally entertained, and the pleasure of the evening was added to by the presence of Wor. Bro. Reed, Wor. Bro. Atkinson, Bro. Agar and others. I cannot speak too highly of the courtesies shown me at Norfolk Lodge.

May 5, I visited my mother lodge, Burford, 106. Naturally I had been looking forward with much pleasant anticipation to this visit and accompanied by a large and enthusiastic delegation from Paris, made the trip to Burford. As there was no work on the officers opened and closed in the three degrees, and if the kindly remarks of the visiting brethren be accepted, Wor. Bro. Stevenson and his officers may feel assured that their work was well done. After many happy speeches from our visitors, we adjourned to the banquetting room.

All of Which is fraternally submitted.

R. J. GAUNT, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District, No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Wilson District No. 6 from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Total No of all Mem.	Mem- bership		Degre's Confr'd		A ffiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N P. D.	Deceased	Meet'gs held			Average atten- ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. m'brs 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance			
				Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular	Emergency										Total		
237	Vienna	Vienna	55	1	1	1	2	2	11	2	13	15	25	00	11	91	00	June 24, '08	\$900	Good	Good	Yes	\$1000 00
82	St. John's	Paris	77	10	1	7	9	2	..	..	..	..	13	12	25	20	..	..	55	75	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	350 00	
174	Wals'ham	Pt. Rowan	62	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	9	9	15	..	..	..	..	..	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	..	
104	St. John's	Norwich	104	8	7	8	8	2	..	..	..	..	12	7	19	23	20	00	..	..	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	No	500 00	
37	K. Hiram	Ingersoll	131	8	6	8	12	1	1	5	..	..	14	5	19	19	15	00	25	110	00	Dec. 28, '08	Good	Good	Yes	438 00
178	Pl'tsville	Plattsville	43	0	3	0	0	0	3	..	..	..	12	12	12	12	12	00	6	64	35	Jan. 4, '09	Good	Fair	No	250 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	71	3	2	3	3	1	0	..	..	..	10	1	11	20	..	..	..	16	00	Dec. 28, '08	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	96	5	5	5	5	1	3	4	..	..	3	12	3	15	27	24	95	20	Jan'y, '09	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
76	Oxford	Woodstock	197	15	12	15	10	1	3	4	..	..	6	14	15	29	35	86	25	32	50	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	129	9	3	9	6	6	..	3	..	..	12	2	14	30	160	00	..	..	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	650 00	
181	Oriental	Pt. Burwell	34	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	9	28	00	Decem., '08	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00	
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	135	1	3	7	6	1	3	..	..	..	11	3	14	30	..	..	20	60	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
259	Spr'gfield	Springfield	57	8	1	7	9	1	1	..	..	..	12	8	20	25	10	00	..	15	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	A 1	Yes	..
43	K. Sol'n	Woodstock	182	21	20	18	17	1	4	..	..	..	14	15	29	45	191	00	34	300	00	Dec. 27, '08	x t. good	Good	Yes	1500 00
105	Blenheim	Princeton	41	6	5	6	8	1	..	..	..	..	12	6	18	15	..	..	4	62	13	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	100 00
65	St. John's	Ingersoll	101	12	2	11	10	1	..	..	..	..	14	2	16	15	15	00	..	..	..	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	..
78	K. Hiram	Tillsonburg	163	7	12	8	5	1	4	..	..	..	2	13	4	17	28	5	00	200	00	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	..
359	Victoria	Victoria	50	2	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	13	1	14	18	..	..	11	33	00	Jan. 2, '09	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	62	6	5	5	2	0	1	1	0	3	9	5	14	15	..	..	3	70	46	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
261	Oak Br'n'ch	Innertkip	32	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	10	3	13	10	35	00	51	18	00	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1100 00
186	Burford	Burford	82	3	1	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	12	3	15	15	..	25	250	00	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	2000 00

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District No. 7, for the year ending June 24th, 1909.

To the brethren who elected me to the high office of District Deputy Grand Master I desire to express my sincere thanks.

In Wellington District we have twenty-one lodges and I have visited each of these at least once. On every occasion I was received with all the honors due the D. D. G. M. and my reception was most enthusiastic. I do not attribute this to anything on my part but take it as an expression of the loyalty of the brethren to the craft.

Throughout the District I found Masonry in a healthy condition. While it gave me pleasure to note the increase of membership of many of the lodges and also the excellent quality of the new material I did not fail to urge upon all the importance of admitting only men of high character.

Many of the lodges have choirs. In my opinion music is an important part in working any of the degrees and I would advise all lodges to have an organ and a choir.

At each official visit I held a reception for about ten minutes. The brethren marched in single file around the room and as each passed the east he was introduced to me by the W. M. This gave me an opportunity of shaking the hand of and becoming acquainted with every brother present.

During the year a number of lodges visited other lodges and worked some degree. This I think should be done more frequently. It would not only strengthen the feeling of brotherhood, but it would produce an improvement in the work.

On February 23rd a Lodge of Instruction was held at Guelph. The W. M. and Officers of Irvine Lodge, No. 203 Elora, exemplified the first degree; the W. M. and Officers of New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, the second degree, and the W. M. and Officers of Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt, the third degree. All did their work well, and I am sure that the brethren present would be much profited.

Shortly after my election I appointed Rev. Bro. Robb, of Irvine Lodge, Elora, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. Moore, of Speed Lodge, Guelph, District Secretary. Both these brethren have performed their respective duties satisfactorily.

On Oct. 6th, I made my first official visit. Harris lodge, No. 216, Orangeville, was the first visited. The first degree was worked in a very satisfactory manner.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton, was visited on Nov. 3rd. The brethren have a very comfortable lodge room. After working the second degree the lodge was closed and the brethren, together with their wives and sisters enjoyed themselves in the banqueting hall.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin, was visited on Nov. 4th. The brethren had not had a meeting for some time owing to their lodge room having been struck by lightning and so were at a disadvantage. However, we spent a pleasant, and, I hope, a profitable evening.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford, was visited on Nov. 16th. The work was well done. The lodge room was comfortable and the furniture was in good condition.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, was visited on Nov. 20th. The work was very well done and the attendance good. The books are nicely kept.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham, was visited on Dec. 3rd. All the officers did their work well. The lodge room was in excellent condition and there was a good attendance.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest, was visited on Dec. 4th. The work was very nicely done. The lodge room was well kept and comfortable.

Ayer Lodge, No. 172, Ayer, was visited on Dec. 28th. Officers were installed by W. Bro. Anderson in a very creditable manner.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt, was visited December 29th. This was Past Masters' night, and all the chairs were filled by Past Masters. I have reason to believe that the regular officers are well up in their work. The books are especially well kept.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt, was visited on Feb. 2nd. The work done was of an exceptionally high order. This lodge has the honor of having the best choir in the district. The lodge room is one of the best and Masonry is in a very healthy condition in Galt.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, was visited on Feb. 5th. The work was very well done and the Lodge room comfortable.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph, was visited on Feb. 9th. They worked the first degree in which a good choir took part and added much to the ceremony. This lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston, was visited on Feb. 12th. All the officers did their work well. The lodge room and furniture is in good condition.

Waverly Lodge, No. 361, Guelph, was visited on Feb. 22nd. This is one of the strongest lodges in the District. The work was done in a very satisfactory manner. The chair was filled by W. Bro. Cull, P. M., in the absence of W. Bro. Brydon, owing to illness. This lodge has an excellent choir. The lodge room and banqueting hall were decorated with flowers, palms and bunting. There was a large attendance of the members of the district.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph, was visited on March 2nd. The work was done in a very creditable manner, assisted by an excellent choir. At the banquet there was a good programme and the orchestra supplied splendid music. There was a large attendance. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition. The books are well kept. I was pleased to note that this lodge in conjunction with Guelph and Waverly lodges is taking steps to secure more comfortable quarters for the brethren.

New Hope, No. 279, Hespeler, was visited on March 3rd. The lodge room was very comfortable. The first degree was exemplified and the work well done. The attendance was good.

Preston, No. 297, Preston, was visited on March 5th. The officers did their work well. The lodge rooms and books are in good condition.

Harriston, No. 262, Harriston, was visited on March 8th. The first degree was exemplified very well. There was a splendid turn out at the banquet and about fifty ladies were present.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin, was visited on April 13th. The first degree was worked very well. This is the largest lodge in the district. The attendance was good. The accommodation is fair, but the brethren hope to secure better rooms in the near future.

Scott Lodge No. 401, Grand Valley, was visited on May 3rd. The work was done well and the rooms and books are in good shape. This lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, was visited on May 4th. A number of the brethren of Scott Lodge accompanied me. The officers worked the first degree well. The books are well kept and the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

F. W. RANDALL, D. D. G. M.,
Wellington District, No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year		Decrease during year		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations		Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.		Deceased	Meet'gs held			Average atten'ce of members		Amount paid for relief		No. mem'rs 12 m'ths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages		Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance			
			Year	Month		Year	Month	Regular	Emergent				Total	20			21	22		23	24	25	26	27	28	29		30	31						32	33	34
279	New Hope	Hespeler	75	0	2	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	1	4	15	20	812	25	0	\$	93	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fly Good	Good	Yes	400	00	
295	Conestoga	Drayton	59	2	4	2	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	12	14	6	00	4	25	00	Dec. 31, '08	Fly Good	Good	Yes	400	00			
271	Wellington	Brin	69	3	1	3	4	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	14	.....	19	82	50	July 8, '09	Good	Good	Yes	300	00		
200	St Albans	Mt. Forest	63	4	3	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4	17	16	10	00	6	50	00	June 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	300	00		
315	Clifford	Clifford	56	7	2	5	4	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	16	17	15	00	2	7	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	None			
203	Irvine	Elora	70	1	1	1	3	3	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	19	10	00	6	25	80	June 30, '09	Good	Good	Yes	400	00			
72	Alma	Galt	138	6	0	6	6	5	3	1	2	0	0	2	10	4	14	22	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	June 24, '09	Good	Improv'd	Yes	.....				
297	Preston	Preston	68	8	1	6	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	6	19	28	152	50	26	103	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	800	00		
257	Galt	Galt	159	9	0	12	11	10	4	0	5	0	0	2	13	6	19	28	152	50	26	103	00	11	24	00	500	00	Dec. 23, '08	Good	Good	Yes	.....			
306	Durham	Durham	61	3	10	3	4	4	0	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	15	14	.....	8	50	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	.....			
347	Mercer	Fergus	60	4	4	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	15	12	10	00	11	24	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Sat'ry	Yes	Same as last y.			
262	Harriston	Harriston	93	5	0	4	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	21	31	52	98	27	110	25	.....	Good	Good	Yes	1750	00	
151	Gr'd River	Berlin	182	8	0	7	6	3	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5	16	38	190	00	10	40	00	Dec.	Good	Good	Yes	500	00		
421	Scott	Gr'd Valley	86	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	15	20	34	00	5	64	25	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	Yes			
334	Prt Arthur	Arthur	56	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5	16	15	12	50	3	25	00	Jan. 5, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes			
216	Harris	Orangeville	163	3	0	6	6	7	3	1	2	1	0	3	3	0	5	15	25	10	00	11	131	50	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	300	00			
361	Waverly	Guelph	148	14	11	8	8	11	5	1	6	4	0	1	8	6	14	31	36	00	28	154	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	June 25, '08	Good	Good	Yes	1500	00		
171	Ayr	Ayr	46	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	9	14	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '08	Fair	Fair	Yes	700	00		
314	Blair	Palmerston	90	5	0	7	9	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	14	31	00	15	65	00	Dec. 28, '08	Good	Good	Yes	500	00			
258	Guelph	Guelph	121	14	3	12	9	9	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4	17	30	25	00	138	25	Jan. 13, '09	Good	F'r to G'd	Yes	Yes				
180	Speed	Guelph	78	12	2	11	9	8	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	14	25	95	50	6	28	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	.....		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District No. 8 for the year ending June 24th, 1909, and I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me by the brethren, in electing me to the high office of District Deputy Grand Master. I have also to thank the brethren for the reception accorded me in every instance on my official visits. On examination of the register of each lodge I found that the attendance, in proportion to the number of resident members, was generally good, and particularly large when doing honor to the Grand Master through his humble representative. The D. D. G. M. in his official visits found the work very uniform and the W. M's. and officers fairly well skilled, and very creditable; also found some very bright spots, and some not so bright, as might be expected. I found some neglect in not, perhaps, doing as much for the S. C. F. as they should, but it will come in due time. But taking the District as a whole it is very fair; and, in fact, very good, considering all things.

My first duty was to appoint a District Secretary, which I did, and W. Bro. Major L. Grant kindly consented to do so. He is one of the oldest members of Credit Lodge, No. 219, and I think, the oldest P. M. living, and was a great help to me, and did his duty faithfully. It was, perhaps, very unfortunate for the District that I was unable to pay all my official visits, through illness and other business, but my place was filled by some very able P. D. D. G. M's., and I never shall forget their kindness in so promptly complying with my requests. But my absence, I am sure, has not disturbed the har-

mony that has always prevailed in Hamilton District No. 8, and all I can say is that I have done my best under the circumstances in which I was placed. But it has been said a foul wind has before now revealed a rich country, and the accident of a mirage has laid bare the secret of an enemy. Blunders have often discovered the underlying principles of success, and misfortune has become the foundation of advancement. We seek the light. How near do most of us get to the glory of Horeb? We long for wisdom; we usually reach the place of reverence and learn to believe, yet seeing little. The Masonic religion is morality. Morality must be enforced; and we live in that which is behind and beneath—the present. So Britain smiles as she looks upon her colonies. She poured herself out often with no necessity pressing her, and with many blunders and falls and losses; to-day her failures have become fruitful; the floods have borne her wealth; the mysteries have revealed the secret wisdom that beckons the halting student. She often wondered when the S. W.'s. call would come. It is come now.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year: Strict Observance, Bros. G. M. Echlin, W. H. Crocker, G. F. Birley; Temple Lodge, No. 324, R. W. Bro. C. W. Mulligan, Bro. James Castell; Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Bros. Henry Duncan, Benjamin Lewis; St. John Lodge, No. 40, Bros. C. Robertson, John Stevenson, A. Hannaford, J. A. Marshall; Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Bro. Edward Henderson; Credit Lodge, No. 219, Bros. John Sykes, H. A. Coffin.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster.—This was my first official visit. There were two initiations which were well and satisfactorily worked. V. W. Bro. Epps and R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden assisted W. Bro. Denis with the second candidate. There were several brethren from Hamilton and other lodges visiting. The lodge is very small, and if they keep on initiating candidates as rapidly as they have done this last year, they will have to enlarge their lodge room. I understand they own the building, and all paid for, and it is well insured, and have a good bank

account, so they are financially in good shape. The books are carefully and correctly kept by V. W. Bro. Stewart. Fourteen meetings during the year, average attendance 35. This is a good lodge. The fourth degree was well put on, and very much enjoyed by all.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook.—Date of visit, Oct 7th, 1908, accompanied by the District Secretary. We had a very pleasant drive. Several brethren from Hamilton were with us. They were all ready to receive us and I received a very hearty welcome. They worked the first degree in very good style, and opened and closed in the three degrees. W. Bro. Whitworth seemed to take great interest in his work, and had his officers well in hand. There were several visitors from other lodges. This lodge is in very good standing, financially and otherwise. The Secretary, Dr. D. G. McIlwraith, had his books in splendid shape. They are a fine lot of fellows. There are no members in arrears. Their property is well insured. At the banquet we were hospitably entertained.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro.—I visited this lodge, Oct. 8th, 1908. Two initiations. The W. M. worked the first degree in very good style. In the second initiation, the W. M. was assisted by the R. W. Bro. Miller and R. W. Bro. Birrel, who accompanied me on my visit. This is a good working lodge, and all the officers are young men, and take a good deal of interest in their work. The approach to the lodge room could be improved; also the banquet room could be brightened somewhat. The average attendance is fair as some of the members have a long distance to drive. The outstanding dues are more than they should be; quite a number over two years. The secretary said they were all good. They keep their building well insured, and they are very good financially. I called their attention to the necessity of collecting their dues; also the S. C. B. Fund, in which they have done very little.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington.—Visited this lodge on the 2nd of Dec. 1908. There was a good attendance of the brethren. Average attendance 27. Increase during the year, eight. Members in arrears, four, all good. The finances are in good condition. The S. C. B. Fund will all be collected by the end of the year, and will be forwarded to Grand

Secretary. Their lodge room is up-to-date in every respect. Refreshments were served in the lodge room. Their lodge room is well insured. In fact they have very comfortable quarters, and a fine lot of fellows, and their prospects are good for 1909.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek.—Dec. 7th, 1908, was officially visited, R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, acting as D. D. G. M., owing to my sickness. He gave me a good report of the meeting. The District Secretary also was very favorably impressed with the meeting and the members, and reports an up-to-date lodge room. They have a membership of 140; regular meetings, 12, special 4; total, 16 meetings. Average attendance, good. Dues fairly well paid up. They have a good insurance on their lodge room. Books well and neatly kept.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton.—The official visit was made on Dec. 8th, 1908, being the annual meeting of the Lodge. I was unable to be there through illness. R. W. Bro. John Hoodless conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year. The District Secretary presented a very favorable report on the standing of the lodge. From his report and from the report of R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, there was a large turnout of members and visitors, and the average attendance good. A strong impression was made on the officers and members regarding the S. C. B. Fund, which had been overlooked. Financial standing good. Membership did not increase much, but prospects good for 1909.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61.—I visited this lodge on Dec. 11th, 1908. There was a large turnout of members and visitors, this being the occasion of their annual meeting, and I being under the weather. R. W. Bro. J. Hoodless officiated in the election of officers; also gave a splendid lecture on the land marks of the order, which was very much appreciated. I noticed the W. M. Bro. Griffin called off the lodge for fifteen minutes for the purpose of making a local collection for the relief of their own members, which is a good thing. I noticed that R. W. Bro. George C. Holden takes a good deal of interest in the relief work. The finances are in very good condition; the books well and neatly kept. This is a good lodge. The usual banquet was very sociable and pleasant.

St. John Lodge No. 40, Hamilton, this lodge was visited Dec. 17, 1908, and not being able to attend, R. W. Bro. D. McPhie performed the duties of D. D. G. M. The District Secretary gave me a good report of the meeting. They lost two members by death. They have a large membership, 447. They have the largest membership in the District. This lodge is very strong financially, and the membership seems to increase rapidly.

The lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton, was visited on Dec. 18th, 1909. Not being able to attend, R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary, kindly officiated, and as this was their annual meeting, the election was conducted by him. The District Secretary gave me a splendid report of the evening's proceedings. The financial standing is high; the average attendance very good. Membership, 386. The dues are well paid up. Five deaths. This is considered one of the best lodges in Hamilton.

Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, Hamilton.—Dec. 19th, 1908. This was the annual meeting and the election of officers, which was conducted by R. W. Birreil, and the election was very unanimous. Membership 92. Their average attendance was good. Members 35, visitors 21. This is a strong lodge and prospects are good. The financial standing is good. There is no doubt but that this lodge will make a splendid showing in the future. They are a fine lot of fellows. Closed up the evening with a banquet. R. W. Bro. John Hoodless gave us a good lecture of the doings of Grand Lodge, and the good of Masonry in general. Songs and speeches followed, and a very good social time was enjoyed by all.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton.—Feb. 4th, 1909. There was a fair turnout of members and visitors. Visitors from Hamilton, Burlington, Acton and Georgetown. St. Clair has a very nice lodge room. But I found that harmony among the brethren is not as it should be, and the Worshipful Master does not have the support of the P. M's. that he should have. But from what I learned things will be harmonious bye-and-bye. I have always found St. Clair a good working lodge and a fine lot of fellows. W. Bro. Pewtress opened the lodge, and as there was no work,

he opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner. Membership 99; average attendance fair. The total arrears were more than they should be. They are well insured and good financially. I made a strong appeal for the S. C. B. Fund, as they had done nothing for some time. I know a good many of St. Clair brethren, and there is a bright future for them.

Walder Lodge, No. 521, Acton.—I visited this lodge on Feb. 1st, 1909. This lodge has a small membership, but it has always been very select, with regard to material. I know personally most of its members, and they are a fine lot of fellows. They worked this first degree in a creditable style. There was a good turnout of visitors and members. There were over twenty members from my own lodge, and it was a cold stormy night. Their average attendance was very good, when we consider only 26 resident members and 30 non-resident. The financial standing is good. Lost two members by death. They have done something for charity, and promise to do something for the S. C. B. Fund this year. After the lodge closed we had a very enjoyable banquet, with speeches and songs. The prospects are good for this year.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia.—I visited this lodge on Feb. 3rd, 1909. R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden and W. Bro. McAllister accompanied me, and as this is R. W. Bro. Holden's mother lodge, he met a good many of his friends. We had also visitors from Seymour, Enniskillen, Burlington and other lodges. It was the largest meeting in years. V. W. Bro. Olds is a prominent Masonic figure in Caledonia and has not lost his interest in the lodge, and there seems to be more enthusiastic good feeling among the brethren. There are prospects of a good year. The first degree was worked fairly well, but it should have been better. Lecture was very good, which was given by W. Bro. Dr. Maw. Average attendance, 17, which is not bad, as there are a number of non-resident members. They stand very high financially; all their S. C. B. Fund is paid in full, and they are well insured. This is a fine little lodge and a lot of good fellows. Banquet was very social, with songs and

speeches, and the evening was very pleasant all through. A good future for St. Andrew's.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville.—I visited this lodge March 30th, 1909. There was a good attendance of members and visitors from Hamilton, Toronto, and Georgetown. W. Bro. A. Hillmer and his officers worked the first degree in very good style. They had three candidates for first, and they were all bright-looking fellows. The J. Warden's lecture was especially good. This lodge is well supported by the Past Masters. R. W. Bro. W. H. Robinson seems to have a strong interest in the welfare of Oakville Lodge. They have a very comfortable and well furnished lodge room. Banquet was held in the lodge room. Membership 133; they held fourteen meetings. Their average attendance is good. **Financial** standing is good, and they are a fine lot of fellows. There is a bright future for Oakville Lodge.

I made my official visit to Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, on March 19th, 1909. It was ladies' night. They opened the lodge sharp at 7.30 p.m., and got through with their ballotting and general business by 8.45. They opened and closed the lodge in three degrees very satisfactorily, and they have a good set of officers, and the prospects for a good year are very bright. This is a very strong lodge, and its membership will reach 400 or nearly so by the time Grand Lodge meets. The financial position is very good. The outstanding dues might be less, but all will be collected in good time. The Master is well supported by the Past Masters, and R. W. Bro. Liddell is very active and takes great interest in having everything right. A new temple will be built soon. The fiftieth anniversary will be fittingly celebrated in October of this year, so there will be doings in Brantford in 1909. I can congratulate Doric Lodge on having such an attentive secretary in W. Bro. Spence. Of course, after the lodge was closed the ladies were admitted and all marched in pairs to the banquet room down stairs, where with tables spread, a very enjoyable three hours were spent. I may say that both lodges in Brantford are looking forward to having a nice temple before long. I notice that Doric Lodge is doing a good deal of charity work. The Masons in Brantford are energetic and enthusiastic.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove.—I paid my official visit to Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, on March 2nd, 1909. I drove out from Dundas with several brethren from Valley Lodge, No. 100. It was very rough going. There was a large turnout of members, many of whom drove long distances. The lodge worked the first degree in a very creditable manner. They have paid up their S. C. B. Fund in full. The lodge room is small, and it will have to be enlarged as the membership is growing very fast. More than doubled its numbers in ten years. They voted \$25.00 to some old gentleman that was in need but who did not belong to the craft, which shows a splendid Masonic spirit. R. W. Bro. Dr. McGregor was there, and he kindly introduced me to the members of the lodge. I understand they have a long lease of the building, and which is well insured. There is a large room down stairs used for local banquets and concerts. At the fourth degree they had an enjoyable program of songs and speeches and a good table of eatables. We closed a very enjoyable evening about 1 a.m.

March 9th—Official visit to Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford. The brethren have a beautiful lodge room to meet in, finely furnished. They are bright Masons, under the able guidance of W. Bro. Bentham. Brant Lodge has had a very successful year, in fact, this lodge has nearly doubled its membership in the last ten years. The first degree was worked in almost faultless style. The Junior Warden's lecture was given in a very effective and correct manner. All the officers were well up in their work. I have no hesitation in giving praise to Brant Lodge. There were a few visitors. W. Bro. Logan, the present W. M. of Doric Lodge, also W. Bro. Spence, present secretary of Doric Lodge, and other brethren. As the District Secretary was unable to be with me, W. Bro. Rastall of Doric Lodge, kindly acted as District Secretary. M. W., the Grand Master honored me with his company in a private capacity as a member of the lodge. The books are kept very neatly and correctly, and Brant Lodge has in Bro. Whitwill an efficient secretary to look after the finances of the lodge. The lodge has a membership of 240; the amount owing for dues is \$300.00, all good. 10

per cent of all dues and 15 per cent of all affiliations and initiations go to charity, etc. There have been 11 initiations for the past seven months, which is a good showing for the year when we remember that the lodge has five months of the year yet to work. The S. C. B. Fund is behind. W. Bro. Bentham promised to do something to straighten this up before he left the chair. A largely attended and interesting banquet, with songs and speeches, closed the evening.

St. George Lodge, No. 243.—I made my official visit to this lodge on March 4th. I had the honor of being accompanied by M. W., the Grand Master, in a private capacity as a member of the lodge; also R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, and visitors from other lodges. The roads were drifted in places which made it difficult to get through. There was a large number of members turned out. St. George has a very nice lodge, and they put on the work very satisfactorily. The lodge is prospering. They have a set of very young officers and the prospects should be good for the year. They have not done much for the S. C. B. Fund, but have promised to do something this year. There is too much outstanding dues and I called their attention to it. They promised to make an effort to reduce this amount during the year. The finances of the lodge are quite satisfactory. The books are kept in a very creditable manner, and I must congratulate the lodge on having such an efficient secretary.

After the lodge closed, we sat down to a very nice banquet in their lodge room, when songs and speeches from visitors and members were enjoyed.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown.—I visited this lodge on April 2nd, 1909. W. Bro. G. A. Ramsden worked the third degree in very good style, this being the first time he had worked the degree, and he had very good support. W. Bro. John G. Harley has been ever ready to assist the W. Master in his work. There was a good turnout of members and visitors from Brampton, Acton and Erin village. I may say that the officers are all young men, and we look forward to a good year for Credit Lodge. On account of the change of secretary the dues have fallen behind somewhat. But they are all good and

will be collected. I also drew their attention to the S. C. B. Fund, which they promised to do something for. They collected seventy-five dollars for a sick brother last fall, so this ran them a little short. The average attendance was very good. Members 86, Financially, very good.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas, May 10th, 1909. There was a good attendance of members. It was a very wet night and very few visitors from outside lodges. Still there was quite a few considering the wet night. The work was fairly well put on in the second degree, and, as the Master and S. W. were absent, the work was practically in the hands of the Past Masters; the lecture in the South East Corner and the Working Tools were very creditable and very effectively exemplified. Great credit is due R. W. Bro. F. A. Latshaw for the interest he takes in his work as secretary, and the general welfare of Valley Lodge. I called their attention to the S. C. B. Fund and urged them to have it paid by the 1st of July. They have a good membership, 146 in all. Regular meetings ten; emergent meetings six; in all sixteen. Average attendance 29. Cash on hand \$521.00; insurance \$500.00; benevolence \$51.00. We had a pleasant two hours at banquet. W. Bro. Moss lectured on Canada; also, pipers and dancers from the 91st, both being good, which gave us new life and ended a very pleasant evening.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, June 4th, 1909. —I was unable to visit this lodge personally, owing to my being away from home on business. R. W. Bro. John Hoodless kindly consented to take the work, which he reported being a very pleasant and profitable evening. Also the District Secretary gives a very favorable report. This lodge is well known for the great interest it has always taken in Masonry, and it seems to hold its ground well, and there is a good spirit prevailing between its officers and members, and with good prospects for the coming year, Barton should do well. The increase during the year is not so large as it naturally should be with so large a membership. The financial standing is good.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, June 21st, 1909. —At this meeting, I was unable to visit personally,

and R. W. Bro. John Hoodless kindly consented to take up the work, who reports very favorably of this lodge. The District Secretary also gives a very good report of the meeting. I notice they have a very large increase in membership, and the financial position is very good. The prospects for another year are very bright. The annual meeting was a successful meeting in every respect.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my term of office has not been one of great pleasure and profit to me as I hoped it would be. That was no fault of the brethren in the District, but was due to my own ill-health much of the year, and to unexpected business engagements. Again I wish to thank the brethren of the District for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD FINLAY, D. D. G. M.,
Hamilton District, No. 8.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the pleasure to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9, during the past year.

I wish here to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me in selecting me as D. D. G. M., particularly as I was unable to be present at the Grand Lodge meeting in Niagara Falls at the time of my election. In consequence of my not being present in time for Installation, the M. W., the Grand Master, requested R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, P. D. D. G. M., of Wellington District, No. 7, to perform that ceremony.

I desire also to thank the brethren for the cordial and fraternal spirit in which I was always received, and the hospitable entertainment accorded me after the meetings. Many of the lodges gave sumptuous banquets in my honor; to them and all, I return my thanks for their great kindness, and having made this general acknowledgment, I shall not further refer to their hospitality in reporting my visits in detail.

On Sept. 15th, that impressive ceremony of Installation was performed by R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, of Orangeville, in my mother lodge at Shelburne in the presence of a large number of the brethren. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren of Lorne Lodge gave a splendid banquet at which the usual toasts were duly honored.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary, Wor. Bro. J. A. Mills, and as District Chaplain, Bro. (Rev.) W. J. Eccleston, both members of Lorne Lodge.

Because Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9 is in a most satisfactory condition, I have pleasure in

submitting to you in brief form the following report, based upon the information I have obtained from the officers of the 25 lodges included in the jurisdiction, and upon the results of my observation during my official visits.

The duties of the responsible position of D. D. G. M. of so important a District are onerous, but are so modified and lessened by the uniform courtesy, fraternal regard, and unswerving loyalty of the brethren to the representative of the M. W., the Grand Master, that the discharge of these duties becomes a source of genuine pleasure.

The tabulated report attached hereto, gives the statistical condition of our District, in every essential detail, and, compared with that of preceding years, shows substantial progress on the whole. The true spirit of Masonry is exemplified in a most marked degree in all the lodges, and the absence of friction, disputes, charges and investigations, indicates a growth in magnanimity and a breadth of view on the part of our membership, which is but a direct result of Masonic teaching.

In reference to the S. C. B. Fund, I beg to report that, taking the district as a whole, it has met with much favor. It is true that some lodges are still on the debit side of the ledger. I took every opportunity at my disposal to bring this laudable undertaking before the notice of the brethren, and I met with most hearty response on every occasion. I have every reason to believe that those lodges which have not contributed the full amount, will make special effort to complete their contributions to this fund.

I cannot too strongly urge the recommendation of my predecessors, that this District is too large, and would respectfully suggest that a re-arrangement be no longer deferred. The demands of the District as at present constituted, requires more time and attention than can be reasonably expected from the D. D. G. M.

NEW LODGES.

On Nov. 17th, I had the honor, by direction of the M. W., the Grand Master, of instituting a new lodge at Markdale in the County of Grey, to be

known as Hiram Lodge. I was assisted in the ceremony by W. Bro. Smith, W. M., and V. W. Bro. Dickinson, of Beaver Lodge, No. 234, in the presence of a large attendance of visiting brethren.

In February. I received an application from the brethren in Coldwater, asking for a dispensation for a new lodge to be known as Karnak Lodge, which I recommended and forwarded to the Grand Master. This request being granted and the dispensation issued, I had the honor of instituting this lodge, on April 29th, being assisted by Wor. Bro. Upton, W. M., of Coronation Lodge, No. 466, and R. W. Bro. Hayden, in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren from the surrounding lodges.

The following is the order of the official visits paid:

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston.—I commenced my official visits with Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, on Feb. 3rd. The W. M., W. Bro. Norton, presided, and initiated two candidates in a very satisfactory manner, the other officers also did their work well. The books are well kept and the lodge is prosperous and harmonious, and with excellent prospects for the future. I was also pleased on this occasion to meet a number of visiting brethren from Beeton and other places.

North Star Lodge, No. 322 and St. George Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound, visited on Feb. 10th. These lodges kindly consented to hold a joint meeting in their large and beautifully furnished room which was well filled with members and visitors. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Armour, W. M., of St. George Lodge, No. 88, in a most satisfactory manner. He was ably assisted by the other officers of the lodge.

W. Bro. Rankin, W. M., of North Star Lodge, No. 322, and his officers, exemplified the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. The spirit and energy of these lodges is well known, the Past Masters as well as the members being ever anxious to do their whole duty, and more, where the interests of the lodges are concerned.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland.—I visited this lodge on March 1st, and found it in good working order under W. Bro. McDowell and a competent

staff of officers. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. I also had the pleasure on this occasion, of meeting with R. W. Bro. Raikes, who continues to take deep interest in the welfare of this lodge. There were also present a number of brethren from Georgian Lodge, No. 348, and Victoria Lodge, No. 470, and other parts.

Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor.—I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on March 2nd, 1909, and, as there were no candidates eligible for degrees. The W. M., W. Bro. Thorburn, assisted by his officers, exemplified the work of the first degree. Under the circumstances the work was fairly well done.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene.—This lodge was visited on March 3rd, 1909, at an emergent meeting. The W. M., W. Bro. Warnock was unavoidably absent, and the I. P. M., W. Bro. Gilmour, assisted by the officers of the lodge, conferred the second degree in a most satisfactory manner. A number of the brethren from Midland and other places were present and added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie.—I visited this lodge March 4th, 1909, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Bethune of Stayner, whom I have to thank for the assistance which he has given me during the year. There was a good attendance of the brethren, as well as many visitors. W. Bro. Johnston, W. M., conferred the first degree on three candidates. He was ably assisted in this by the officers of the lodge, and by the Past Masters, who take a very active part in the welfare of the lodge.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia.—This lodge I visited on March 5th, 1909, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Bethune. I found the affairs of the lodge in a flourishing condition. The work exemplified was an initiation and was particularly well done by W. Bro. Thomson, W. M. and his excellent staff of officers, who are maintaining the high state of efficiency to which it has attained.

Hiram Lodge, U. D., Markdale.—I visited this lodge on March 16th, when the W. Master, W. Bro. Armstrong, exemplified the work of the third degree on two candidates in a most satisfactory manner.

There were a number of visiting brethren from Flesherton, and other parts, present, and a very pleasant evening was spent in their splendid and well furnished lodge room.

The prospects of Masonry in Markdale are very bright, and the officers and members are to be congratulated on having such a well equipped and furnished lodge room.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton. — I visited this lodge on April 2nd, and found it in a very healthy condition. The work of the first degree was exemplified in a creditable manner by W. Bro. Blakely, who was ably assisted by his staff of officers. There were a number of the brethren from Markdale present, who ably assisted in making a very enjoyable evening.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton. — I visited this lodge April 5th, 1909, when there were a large number of members and visitors present. The W. Master, W. Bro. Andrews, assisted by his excellent staff of officers, conferred the second degree in a most excellent manner, and are maintaining the high standard of work which this lodge has attained. There are a number of P. Ms, who are a source of strength and who are ever ready with their council to further the work and interests of the lodge.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford. — I visited this lodge on May 3rd, on an emergent meeting which was called for this purpose. There was a large attendance of members, and the work of the first degree was exemplified in a most excellent manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Hare, assisted by his excellent set of officers. R. w. Bro. Rutherford, W. Bro. Miller, W. Bro. Dr. Denard, W. Bro. H. Wright, of Owen Sound, and several other visiting brethren were present and assisted greatly in making this a very pleasant visit for me.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg. — I visited this lodge on May 4th. W. Bro. Gilson presided and assisted by his excellent staff of officers, conferred the first degree in a highly creditable manner. This lodge is very fortunate in having V. W. Bro. Dickinson as a secretary, and also in having Past D. D. G. Ms and P. Ms, who take a deep interest in its affairs.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood. — I visited this lodge on May 5th, when the beautiful lodge room was well filled with members and visitors. W. Bro. Stephens, W. M., is a model presiding officer, and with his excellent staff of officers, exemplified the work of the third degree in a most impressive manner. The Past Masters of this lodge seem ever ready with any assistance they can render, which accounts for the high standard of work to which it has attained.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner.—I visited this lodge on May 6th, 1909, at an emergent meeting. There was not a very large attendance, which was due to the weather conditions. The W. Master, assisted by his officers, exemplified the work of the first degree in a creditable manner. This lodge has not been holding its meetings very regularly, but I was assured that the future prospect was very much brighter than it has been for the past year.

Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elmvale.—I visited this lodge on May 7th, the meeting being well attended by the members. There were also several visiting brethren present from Barrie and other places. The W. M., W. Bro. Upton, assisted by his officers, exemplified the work of the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner, and the brethren seemed to manifest a deep interest in the welfare of their lodge.

Tottenham Lodge, No. 467, Tottenham.—I visited this lodge on May 10th. There was not a very large attendance of members present, as the weather was somewhat threatening. The W. Master, assisted by his officers, conferred the first degree. The work was well done. This lodge has not been very prosperous for the last couple of years, but I was assured that the prospects for the future were much more promising.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown.—I visited this lodge on May 11th, when I found its affairs in a flourishing condition. The work exemplified was a second degree, and was particularly well done by W. Bro. Rountlewaite, W. M. and officers. There were present several visiting brethren from Beeton

and other places, who assisted greatly in making this a very pleasant evening.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud.—I visited this lodge on May 12th, at an emergent meeting. There was a good attendance of members, and a large number of visiting brethren from Barrie, Cookstown and other places, who added greatly to the evening's enjoyment. The W. M., W. Bro. Leonard, assisted by his officers, exemplified the work of the second degree in a very creditable manner, considering the small room in which they had to work.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie.—I visited this lodge on May 13th, at an emergent meeting. There was a very good attendance of brethren, R. W. Bro. Harper, Grand Chaplain, who is a Past Master of this lodge, was present, and added greatly in making this a very pleasant visit to me. There were also a number of visiting brethren from Corinthian, and other lodges, present. The W. M., W. Bro. Grafton, assisted by his excellent staff of officers, exemplified the work of the first degree in a very impressive manner.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk.—I visited this lodge, on May 17th, at an emergent meeting. W. Bro. Noble, W. M., presided, and, with his officers, conferred the first degree on a bright candidate. The work was fairly well done. There were a number of visiting brethren from Shelburne and other places present. This lodge has been at a stand still for some time, but I was assured that a better feeling now exists and the future prospect is very much brighter.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford.—I visited this lodge on May 25th. There was a very good attendance of members and a number of visitors from Beeton and other places. W. Bro. Ellis, W. M., presided. The work of the evening, that of the third degree, was done in an impressive manner. W. Bro. Ellis makes an excellent Master, and is supported by an excellent staff of officers. The P. Ms take a deep interest in the welfare of this lodge.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne.—I visited my own lodge officially on June 4th. There was a good attendance of members and a number of visiting brethren from Orangeville and other places, among

whom was R. W. Bro. Irvine, P. D. D. G. M. of Wellington District, No. 7. The work of the evening, that of a second degree, was done in an impressive and very satisfactory manner, by W. Bro. Rosevear, W. M., supported by an excellent set of officers.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore.—I visited this lodge on June 7th. W. Bro. Hood, P. M., presided and the work of the evening was the second degree, which was very well done. R. W. Bro. Bethune, of Stayner, was present, and added greatly in making this a very enjoyable evening.

In conclusion permit me to heartily thank the brethren of Georgian District, for the kindness shown me during my time of office. I cannot close my report without expressing appreciation of the kind services of the P. D. D. G. Ms, whom I have met; and of other brethren who so generously tendered me valuable assistance in the discharge of my official duties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. C. CAMPBELL, D. D. G. M.
Georgian District, No. 9.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report of the condition of Masonry in the above district during the past year, I desire in the first place to express my warm appreciation to my brethren for their expression of confidence in electing me to represent the M. W., the Grand Master, in this old historic Niagara District, and for the uniform kindnesses, courtesies and considerations with which I have been invariably treated. Being so honored, I determined that no effort on my part should be wanting to perform the duties of my office in as satisfactory a manner as circumstances and ability would permit, and I hope I have been in some small way instrumental in improving the exemplification of the work and, better still, in the direction of inculcating a higher and nobler Masonic life.

I have visited every lodge in the district at least once, and a few twice, and I feel bound to say that I consider the general condition of Masonry throughout the district to be excellent.

In every case I found the W. M. in his chair, and with only one or two exceptions, the other officers. Large attendance has been the rule, and though perhaps larger on account of the official visit of the D. D. G. M., still I find, by a careful examination of all the registers, that good attendance is the rule rather than the exception.

I am pleased to report that in nearly all the lodges the Past Masters take an active part in the work, and by their presence aid materially in keeping up the zeal and energy of the younger members, as well as in assisting them by their advice and experience. In many of the lodges the Charges in the Constitution are still read to the candidates, and I have asked the W. Ms of such lodges to get some of the P. Ms to memorize this part of the work.

The officers and members of the various lodges are drawn from the best classes in the community and would reflect credit on any institution. The membership of this district is increasing and in all cases great care is being exercised as to who are admitted.

I have been privileged to visit, with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, on two occasions, and his earnest and eloquent words have always had an inspiring effect upon his hearers.

I have been pleased with the neatness and satisfactory manner with which the secretaries keep their books. Sixteen of them are Past Masters, and from experience add much to the executive of their respective lodges.

With but one exception, I can confidently state that the best of good feeling and harmony is prevailing in this district, and in this case, I am pleased to learn, wise counsel is prevailing and those interested are putting forward their best efforts to restore this lodge to that high position it formerly occupied.

W. Bro. J. H. Brown, P. M., of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, kindly consented to act as District Secretary, and I have also appointed W. Bro. Rev. W. P. Lyon, of Fontheill, and a P. M., of Clifton Lodge, No. 254, as my chaplain, both of whom I wish to thank for their services.

I would recommend that the time of election of officers be changed from that now adopted by some of the lodges in this district, so that all the lodges elect their officers in June, as the D. D. G. M. is elected to office in the middle of the year of some lodges, which compels him to visit them during a few months at the last half of the year, crowding the work into a short time and often visiting officers just after their installation. A change to June would not only be a great assistance to the lodges, but to the officials of Grand Lodge as well.

During my term of office I regret to have to report the suspension of Bro. T. Davidson, of King Edward VII. Lodge, Chippewa, who, after a fair trial was suspended on the charge of un-Masonic conduct for two years and eleven months, dating from Jan. 6th, 1909.

Masters of Lodges should study the Constitution more, and not leave this to possibly one or two of the

Past Masters, in whose absence the lodge is at a loss how to proceed when a Constitutional question comes up.

Many of the lodges are in a position to add music to their work, and I trust that my successor in office will be able to report on more lodges that have taken this up than it has been my privilege to do.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the year a number of our brethren have been called to the Grand Lodge above, of which I would especially mention: W. Bro. Chas. E. Brown, the W. Master of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara, died September 14th, 1908. He was the first Master that Niagara Lodge has lost during his term of office; W. Bro. S. J. Sidey, of Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland, died Dec. 31st, 1908; W. Bro. John Green, Sr., of Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie, died Feb. 7th, 1909; W. Bro. Joshua Howard, and W. Bro. Henry R. Heaslip, of Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville.—I visited this lodge officially on the 29th of September, which date was also the celebration of "The Old Boys' Reunion" in the village. An emergency meeting of Ivy Lodge was held that there might also be a reunion of its old members.

I had the honor of being accompanied by the M. W., the Grand Master, who was paying a fraternal visit to this his birthplace; also R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Simpson, P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, P. G. J. W., and a number of distinguished brethren from nearby lodges.

A large number, both young and old members, of the lodge were present, and the reception accorded the visiting officers and brethren was given with true fraternal spirit.

The first degree was exemplified by the Past Masters of the lodge and was done in a very creditable manner. This lodge is in good financial condition, accommodation commodious, books well kept, and the best Masonic spirit prevails amongst its members.

After the close of the lodge, a banquet was held in an adjoining hall, where the tables were laden with the fruits of Canada. The speeches were very interesting, especially that of the Grand Master, which was of a reminiscent nature and well suited to the occasion. Many old acquaintances were renewed, stories told of years gone by and in every way a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport.—I made arrangements both by letter and telephone with the Secretary of this lodge that I would visit them on October 8th, but on my arrival was very much disappointed in not finding sufficient present to open the lodge, or any arrangements made for my reception, which was attributed to a political meeting being held in a nearby town.

I met the Worshipful Master, Secretary and a few of the members and examined the books, which are in fair condition, but the Secretary has been very remiss in sending me summonses and keeping me posted as to the affairs of the lodge. More attention should be paid to the collection of dues. The lodge is in a good financial condition, being one of the few in the district who own their own building and which is well equipped.

As to the rendering of the work and the conducting of the business of the lodge, I regret that I am unable to report.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York.—My official visit to this lodge was made on Nov. 2nd. The attendance was good considering their membership being very small and a number of those upon the roll being non-residents. A number of brethren were also present from Harmony Lodge, of Binbrook, and St. John's Lodge, of Cayuga. There being no work, I requested the opening and closing in the several degrees, which was very creditably done. The lodge is well officered, especially as to the W. M., W. Bro. C. J. Martindale, and S. W., Bro. James Warpoie, who are doing all they can to make this lodge a success, but are much hampered by being situated in a very thinly settled district and in close proximity to other lodges. However, the members are full of zeal and enthusiastic in their work, so that good results are being attained by them.

Books in good shape, and lodge appointments all that can be expected from the circumstances, and every effort is being made to put them in better shape. Frequent interchange of visits are made by this lodge, which keeps the interest up and also tends to a better fraternal feeling. I feel confident that the members of this lodge are exemplifying the true principles of Masonry, and, though their advancement is slow as to membership, they are doing good as they go along.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson.—I visited this lodge on January 5th, 1909, in company with W. Bro. Rev. W. S. Lyon, District Chaplain. The night was wet and the roads very bad, consequently the attendance was not very large, being about 35, but all ready to assist in bringing their lodge to the fore. The second degree was exemplified by W. M., Wm. D. Marshall, and his officers, in a very creditable manner. I was pleased to find this lodge in such comfortable quarters, and have every reason to believe they have the best of prospects before them, as new and good material is being taken in which will materially strengthen it.

Books well kept and dues well paid up. Refreshments were served in a room adjoining the lodge.

King Edward VII. Lodge, No. 471, Chippawa.—This lodge was visited on January 6, 1909, at which meeting the attendance was small, owing to one of the members being on trial for un-Masonic conduct. At the request of the W. M., I assumed control of the lodge and the matter was disposed of to the satisfaction of all concerned, and since then matters have gone on harmoniously.

There being no work, I requested the W. M., W. Bro. Speck, and his officers, to open and close the lodge in the three degrees, which was fairly well done.

Wor. Bro. G. H. Brown is the guiding spirit of this lodge, and they are much indebted to him for assistance and advice.

W. Bro. H. McKenzie is a careful and accurate Secretary. Books well and neatly kept, dues well collected, and finances in good shape. Lunch was served after the close of work. I trust that some ef-

fort will be made to make the lodge room more comfortable.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland.—In company with R. W. Bro. G. H. Pettit, P. D. D. G. M., I visited this lodge on January 7th, 1909, and was well received and highly entertained after work was over.

The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. P. J. Hemming, and his officers, in a very creditable manner, especially as it was their first night in their chairs. There is good material in the present officers and the greatest of harmony prevails among the members of the lodge. I examined the books of the Secretary, Bro. Thos. Mains, and found them very neatly kept. Dues well paid and prospects good. I pointed out to them their position as regards the S. C. B. Fund, and assurances were made that it would receive better attention during the year.

I had the great pleasure of meeting my old friend, W. Bro. D. Ross, of Merritt Lodge, No. 168, who has done much for Masonry in this town. A large number of visitors were also present from Merritt Lodge, showing that a good feeling exists between these two lodges. I feel satisfied that with the rapid growth this town is making that two lodges are required.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines.—Accompanied by the W. M. and a number of the members of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, I visited this lodge on January 28th, 1909, and was most heartily received by a large and representative attendance, including quite a number from the other city lodges, as well as from Grimsby, Thorold, Wellandport and other lodges. I had also the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, P. D. D. G. M.

An examination of the register shows a good average attendance. The third degree was conferred by the newly installed officers and reflected great credit on them. W. Bro. Burleigh is a good and efficient officer and is ably assisted by a staff of officers who will try and make this the banner lodge of the district. I especially commend the work of the deacons in this lodge, which is performed with a precision which might well be emulated elsewhere. The rendering of a portion of the work by W. Bro. J. E. Merriman was done so correctly, and with so much expression, that

it could not fail to impress all present. It is to be regretted that this lodge which stands as one of the foremost in the District does not add music as part of the work, and I hope to see this done, as there are a number of good voices amongst its membership.

The lodge is fortunate in having as its secretary, R. W. Bro. H. J. Johnstone, P. D. D. G. M., which important office is filled by him in a most efficient manner and books kept in neat and proper condition. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition with the dues fairly well paid up. The banquet which followed was another display of the enthusiastic and fraternal good feeling that exists in this portion of the District. There is no fear for the future of this lodge and my visit to it was a genuine pleasure.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South.—To say that this lodge is enjoying an era of prosperity, but mildly expresses the progress it has been making during the past year. The present Master, W. Bro. N. R. Carr is a worker, and is ably supported by all his officers and brethren. The best of harmony prevails and the banner of Masonry is being successfully carried forward. I visited this lodge officially on Feb. 2nd, 1909, when I was received by a large number of the members and visitors from Clifton lodge and other places. The third degree was rendered by the W. M. and his officers in an almost faultless manner, the work of the Deacons being especially good. More expression is given to the work of this lodge than in the majority of the others, and I trust that music will be added to the work as there are a number of good voices amongst the members; with this added St. Mark's will class as high as any lodge in the district. I had the pleasure of meeting V. W. Bro. Sloggitt, who is one of the most efficient secretaries, and largely through his close attention to the affairs of this lodge I am able to report on its sound and good financial condition. Dues are well paid. A large expenditure has recently been made in the furnishings of the room, which makes it very comfortable. The banquet which followed was fully in keeping with the other proceedings of the evening. Since my official visit I am pleased to note a choir has been formed, which takes part in the work.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold.—I paid my official visit to this lodge on Feb. 3rd, 1909. There was a large attendance, amongst whom were a number of visitors from St. Catharines, including W. Bro. Burleigh and his Wardens, from Maple Leaf, 103, W. Bro. McCordick, of St. George, No. 15. I also had the pleasure of meeting V. Wor. Bro. Hoover, who is one of the moving spirits of this lodge.

The first degree was exemplified by W. M. George McClure, assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge. It has been the custom of the Past Masters to do a large share of the work which is very commendable in many ways, but I insisted that in future the W. M. should be able to render all the degrees before he called in the assistance of the P. Ms. Attention was called to the detail work which requires more thoroughness. The finances are in good shape and books neatly kept by W. Bro. D. J. C. Munroe, who is a very attentive Secretary. Lodge room commodious and when the contemplated improvements take place, will give Mountain lodge very comfortable quarters. A very happy hour was spent at the refreshment board.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville.—I had the honor of being introduced to this lodge on Feb. 4th, 1909, by R. W. Bro. R. McDonald, P. D. D. G. M. This lodge is well equipped in its new rooms and showing zeal in Masonic work which will grow as the year passes on. Several petitions were read for membership, and as there was no work on, the lodge was passed to the second degree. The Wardens are enthusiastic, good officers, and the future of this lodge will I trust be a prosperous one. Rehearsals would improve all the officers.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 320, Jarvis.—This lodge was visited officially on Feb. 5th, 1909; about 45 were present, which, considering the condition of the weather and roads, was a good attendance.

I was honored by the acquaintance of R. W. Bros. Dr. Wm. Jacques and James Noble, both P. D. D. G. Ms and active workers.

There being no work, I requested W. Bro. R. W. Smith, the W. M., to open and close in the several degrees, and I was much impressed with the regular-

ity, attention to detail and accuracy, not only of the officers, but of the members as well.

The ballot was passed for two affiliations, and also a number of petitions were read. The financial standing of the lodge is good, perhaps the best in the District, and the amount of unpaid dues very small. The lodge room is cheery and well arranged. This lodge is very fortunate in having such a splendid lot of P. Ms, who have the good of the craft at heart and are bound to make the influence of Masonry felt wherever they may go, and are especially attentive to the welfare of King Solomon Lodge. This lodge is going to make a good showing as regards the Semi-Centennial Fund.

I found on careful examination the books in excellent shape; it could not be otherwise, as they are under the guiding hand of R. W. Bro. Noble.

At the conclusion I enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren at a splendid repast in the hotel, at which a couple of hours were spent most profitably and enjoyably.

The prospects of King Solomon Lodge are excellent.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake.—I visited this lodge on Feb. 18th, when the occasion was honored by the presence of the M. W., the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed; R. W. Bros. E. E. Fraser, G. S. W.; R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary; Rev. F. C. Harper, Grand Chaplain; G. H. Pettit, P. D. D. G. M.; Wm. Forbes, P. G. J. W.; V. W. Bro. Dr. H. L. Anderson, P. G. S., which gave this old historic lodge a gathering the like of which it has not had since the Provincial Grand Lodge was formed here in 1795. Indeed it was one of the most pleasant events of my life to have my visit, to this my mother lodge, made notable by such a gathering of distinguished brethren. After the reception of the Grand Lodge Officers, the officers of the lodge vacated their chairs and they were taken by the Grand Lodge Officers, with the M. W., the Grand Master, in the east, when the first degree was conferred in such an impressive manner by the Grand Master, that it was an example for all present, which included a large number of visitors from other lodges, amongst whom were

W. Bro. J. Merriman, Vary and Burch, of Maple Leaf, St. Catharines. After the close of the Lodge, all repaired to the banquet room, where, after partaking of the refreshments provided, all listened with rapt attention to the splendid address of the Grand Master, Grand Chaplain and other officers and visitors present.

This being my mother lodge, and always making it my duty as well as my pleasure to attend its meetings regularly, I have had many opportunities of noting the character of the work done and of observing the capabilities of the officers. This is the oldest lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge and can well be said to be the cradle of Masonry in Canada.

I do not think anyone will accuse me of partiality when I say the work of W. Bro. E. Lee, the W. M., compares very favorably with any of the other Masters throughout the District, and he is fortunate in having two very capable Wardens to assist in the work. The old Past Masters of this lodge have set an example both as to degree work as well as to the carrying on of the business of the lodge, which the present officers are profiting by; and as to the conducting of the business, it is done in a manner which other lodges could profit by copying.

The progress of the lodge has been successful, it is in good financial condition, but could be improved by a better attention to the collection of the dues, for in this respect Niagara lodge is the worst in the district. The lodge owns its building; its appointments are comfortable and ample, and in connection has a banquet room fully equipped, and it is a pleasure for the lodge to entertain its visitors. Books are well and neatly kept by its Secretary, W. Bro. S. Campbell.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls.—I had the honor to be accompanied by R. W. Bro., Rev. F. C. Harper, Grand Chaplain, on my visit to this lodge, on the 4th, of March, 1909. There was a good attendance, though a very stormy night. Two candidates were balloted for and initiated. The work was done in a very impressive manner by the officers, especially by the W. M., W. Bro. F. W. Swannell, who is a good and thorough ritualist, as well as an efficient executive officer.

This lodge insists on every candidate thoroughly understanding every degree before he is advanced to another.

A few improvements could be made in the Deacons' work, and a little attention by them would render the work of this lodge as good as any. W. Bro. R. F. Carter is a good stand-by for this lodge, and is ever ready to assist at any time. The lodge appointments are good, with the exception of the lesser lights, which should be installed.

Dues are well collected and the prospects of this lodge are good. It is adding to its membership a large number of good members, and is very careful as to who are admitted.

Another very commendable feature which is well worthy of other lodges noting, is the lodge of instruction, which is held every Monday night, and not only keeps interest up but makes all candidates efficient in the different degrees.

The usual banquet was held at the close of lodge and was very enjoyable and instructive, especially the speech of the Grand Chaplain, whose election to this important office was no mistake, for he fills it as well as it is possible for any one to do.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville.—My visit to this lodge was on March 10th, 1909. My reception was made most loyal by the large number of the craft present, which included quite a number of visitors, amongst which I was honored with the presence of R. W. Bro. H. T. White, P. J. W.

I examined the attendance and was pleased to see the large attendance recorded at all the meetings. The first degree was presented for inspection which was done in nearly a perfect manner. W. Bro. H. E. Ardlerlay, the W. M., is a painstaking officer, and has the good support of his efficient Wardens. The business of the lodge is carried on in a prompt and business-like manner, and with the enthusiasm of its members, especially the large number of young ones, bespeaks prosperity.

The books are neatly kept and finances in good shape, with all the dues well paid up. Lodge room comfortable and very well equipped. R. W. Bro. Amsden, P. D. D. G. M., is a strong support, and it

was with regret I did not see the veteran of this lodge, R. W. Bro. Tipton, who was detained at home on account of illness.

The S. C. Fund is receiving attention and at the banquet table a large number subscribed their quota. The officers are all workers and from their bountifully laid banquet table they are experts in the cultivation of the social side of Masonry.

A very pleasant and profitable hour was spent in speeches after which the Junior Warden's toast was responded to in a hearty manner. ,

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga.—The occasion of my official visit to this historic and flourishing lodge was on the 11th of March, 1909. There was a good attendance of members as well as a number of visitors, principally from Enniskillen Lodge of York, amongst whom I had the pleasure of again meeting W. Bros. C. J. Martindale, Jas. Wampole, B. Bond, and F. W. Brown.

There is a very fine spirit prevailing in this lodge, which I think is largely due to the energy and influence of R. W. Bro. J. A. Hoshal, P. D.D. G. M., who is also its Treasurer, and with whom I spent a few very pleasant hours. The third degree was exemplified which was done in a very satisfactory and impressive manner by W. Bro. E. S. Baxter, the W. M. and his officers.

There a lot of good, young, active and capable members in this lodge, who are bound to push it along.

The arraerage of dues is light and quarters very comfortable, no liabilities and future prospects very bright, having a steady increase in membership. The S. C. B. F. is receiving due attention. Visits are interchanged with other lodges quite frequently. I had the pleasure of meeting a number of the Past Masters, who keep themselves in thorough touch with their lodge, thus rendering it great assistance. This lodge is noted for its hospitality and the banquet which completed the evening was most elaborate, and my very pleasant visit closed with speeches, songs, etc., from its members and visitors.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines.—My visit to this lodge was made on the 16th of March. The

attendance was a large one and included a number of visitors from the other city lodges, as well as from the lodges nearby. I had the honor of meeting R. Wor. Bros. R. G. W. Conolly and B. J. Leubsdorf, P.D.D. G. Ms, also the W. Ms of Maple Leaf and Temple lodges. It is worthy of note the splendid unanimity and harmony that exists amongst the lodges and brethren of St. Catharines.

The third degree was conferred upon an unusually bright candidate, and it is seldom one meets as apt a novice as this one, who showed a thorough knowledge of the preceding degrees.

The degree was exemplified in a correct and impressive manner by the W. M., W. Bro. McCordick, and his officers, V. W. Bro. Alex McLaren and W. Bro. Back, assisting. To those living here and knowing these officers, it would be needless to say that the brethren were treated to a very fine rendering of the degree, the whole being done with that solemnity which makes a good impression on the candidate. This was the more marked by the presence and assistance of the choir of Temple Lodge No. 296.

The books are well and neatly kept and finances in good shape, but the dues are not as well paid up as I would like to see them for as progressive a lodge as this one.

All present experienced the well known hospitality of St. George's Lodge at a splendid banquet given after the close of the lodge.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie.—Visited this lodge on March 24th, 1909, and, although it was a wet, stormy night, a large number turned out. Visitors were present from Thorold and St Catharines and I had the pleasure of again meeting W. Bros. Merriman, Varey and Dwyer. This lodge has sustained a severe loss in the death of one of its Past Masters, W. Bro. John Green, Sr., who was one of the fathers of the lodge, was respected by all who knew him and his absence will be severely felt by those who were associated with him.

The work of the evening was the passing of the W. M.'s son, which was done in a very fair way, but the work lacked that impressiveness which should characterize it. The floor work of the S. D. was very

poorly done, and should be rehearsed, and he be taught not to be afraid to speak up when addressing the Wardens. The whole work was lacking in detail. The W. M., Wor. Bro. Berry could very much improve the work of his officers by a few rehearsals, as it would do them all good.

W. Bro. Waugh is an enthusiastic Mason and had the candidate well drilled for his examination.

Seymour Lodge is in a prosperous condition. Membership growing and finances above the average, dues well paid, lodge room very comfortable, but requires a better system of lighting, which would add very much to its appearance and comfort.

Banquet at close of lodge.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland. -- I paid my official visit, accompanied by W. Bro. J. H. Brown, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, on April 5th, 1909, and was pleased to see a good attendance, amongst whom were R. W. Bros. J. H. Crow and G. H. Pettit, P. D. D. G. Ms, and who are enthusiastic Masonic workers.

A candidate was passed to the second degree in a very creditable manner by Wor. Bro. Ford and his Wardens. The lecture given by the S. W., Bro. Cohoe was well and impressively rendered. The work of the S. D. was very imperfect and as the Deacon's work is the foundation of a good officer, I would suggest that he rehearse his duties, so that he will render better assistance to his superior officers, and by so doing he will never regret it when he comes to occupy the higher chairs. The addition of some new furniture has greatly added to the appearance of the room. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Col. Cohoe to amend the by-laws by raising the initiation fee, as well as dues, the latter being too low at present to properly finance the lodge.

Finances are in fairly good shape and will be better by the foregoing change in By-laws. Care is exercised in the acceptance of candidates and all are well instructed before passing to the several degrees.

Refreshments at close of lodge.

MacNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne.—I visited this lodge on April 13th, 1909, but owing to the wet night and bad crossing of the canal, the attend-

ance was not as large as it would have been under more favorable circumstances. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the third degree upon two candidates which was done in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. J. Cook, and his Officers, assisted by W. Bro. W. McCracken, who is a ritualist of no mean order.

This lodge is very progressive and is making one of the best lodges of the District. Finances in good shape, dues well paid, books neatly and correctly kept, lodge room comfortable and well lighted.

Past Masters take great interest and with officers coming on, the good future of MacNab Lodge is assured. This lodge ranks foremost as to the contributions towards the Semi-Centennial Fund, as the quota is fully paid up.

After close of lodge a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines.—This lodge was officially visited on April 28th, 1909, when I received a most cordial and hearty reception. The attendance of members was large as well as a number of visitors from the other city lodges, Thorold, Port Dalhousie, etc. It was a pleasure to meet R. W. Bro. Leudsdorf and Robertson, P. D. D. G. Ms; H. T. White, P. G. W.; D. W. Bro. R. G. Hoover, W. Bros. J. B. McIntyre, D. C. Hetherington, W. Burleigh and B. Back, and other distinguished brethren.

The work of the evening was the exemplification of the third degree by W. Bro. W. J. Vickers and his efficient staff of officers. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the W. M. for the careful, correct and impressive rendering of his work, for it is seldom one meets an officer who can give the whole of the portion allotted to him, as W. Bro. Vickers did this evening. He was ably assisted by a splendid choir, and Temple Lodge is to be congratulated as having the only efficient choir in the District, and I trust others will follow their example.

This lodge is making splendid progress and is in good financial condition. W. Bro. Beaton is a careful and energetic secretary, who has his books in neat and good shape, has collected the dues well and is a valuable officer for Temple Lodge.

At the banquet table, after the close of the lodge very interesting speeches were given by W. Bro. McIntyre, who is one of the strong supporting members of this lodge and also by the other distinguished brethren present.

This lodge is strongly supporting the S. C. B. Fund and the prospects of Temple Lodge are very bright.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby.—On April 29th, 1909, in the company of W. Bro. Merriman of St. Catharines, I visited this lodge and although it had snowed all day, and the night was dark and wet, I had the extreme pleasure of being heartily received by a large and enthusiastic gathering of the members of this, one of the oldest lodges in the district. I had the honor of meeting my old and esteemed friend, Rt. W. Bro. W. Forbes, P. G. J. W., whose enthusiasm in Masonry is well known throughout the Niagara District; also Rt. W. Bro. Drope, P. D. D. G. M., who is a member of this lodge.

The ballot having been passed for two candidates and declared favorable they were initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by W. Bro. J. S. Morris, assisted by a large number of Past Masters. I should have preferred seeing the W. M. do more of the work, but it is commendable that so many of the Past Masters are ready to take any part of the ceremony that they may be called upon to do, and they do it well, especially impressive was that of W. Bro. Dr. Wolverton, who, though the weight of years is falling upon him, is still a strong adherent of the craft.

Although the increase in membership during the past year has not been very large, still good progress has been made, and prospects are very bright. Dues are well paid and financial condition strong. It is to be hoped that new quarters can be secured as the membership has outgrown their present one, and which though neat and comfortable is far too small.

Books are in good shape and neatly kept. The W. M. should be more careful about signing the minutes. Dues well collected and finances in sound condition. The management of all affairs connected with the lodge by the Board of General Purpose is very commendable and could be copied, with benefit by other lodges.

The banquet following was very tastefully served, and speeches listened to with interest, especially that of Bro. Rev. M. Terryberry, which was full of the ring of true Masonic spirit.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg.—I visited this lodge on Dec. 1st, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master to investigate a charge of irregularity of the ballot and to preside over the passing of the ballot for the candidates in question. I also presided at the election of Officers for the ensuing year and at which R. W. Bro. A. B. Hurrell, P. D. D. G. M., was elected Master and under whose good counsel and leadership it is to be hoped that matters will adjust themselves.

I paid my official visit on June 1st., having put this off to this late date trusting that the unpleasant relations between the two sections of the lodge might be healed by this time.

I was warmly greeted by a very large gathering of the craft, which taxed the accommodation of the room. Amongst those present I had the pleasure of meeting the W. Ms of Highland Lodge, No. 835, and Occidental Lodge, No. 766, of the City of Buffalo; also W. Bros. Merriman of St. Catharines, Murray of Niagara Falls, and V. W. Bro. Dr. Mencke, Grand Organist.

The work of the evening was the third degree, which was conferred by R. W. Bro. Hurrell, assisted by W. Bros. Kee, Patterson and others, and was done in a very thorough and impressive manner. In fact with these old and enthusiastic officers, criticism is not needed as they know their duties and perform them well.

I was pleased to see the good feeling that apparently exists between the members, a great improvement upon my last visit. This is largely due to the influence and courtesy of R. W. Bro. Hurrell, who is not only one of the fathers of this lodge, but is its main standby in this time of trouble, and I earnestly ask the Past Masters and members to give him all the loyal support they can, be guided by him and he will lead them out of the difficulty. Whilst on the surface matters are improving, still there is lack of harmony, and I am afraid that this is shown by the exercise of

the black ball, and I earnestly hope that none of the members are resorting to this means of "getting even."

This lodge is situated in a prosperous town, and everything about it conduces to advancement and prosperity if only a few of its members will permit it. The books are well and neatly kept, finances in good shape and dues well paid up, and I trust that they will be soon able to get better rooms and make the advancement that it is possible for them to do.

I have endeavored to do all I can towards placing this lodge in the position it formerly occupied and I would call the attention of my successor in office to this lodge and ask him to assist in promoting its welfare.

In conclusion I wish to report that on the whole Masonry in this District is prosperous.

I feel that in this brief report I have over-looked many who should have received special recognition at my hands. I have endeavored to do my duty, and I feel that any criticism that I have offered has been taken in the spirit in which it was intended, and I trust my year has not been without benefit. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the various lodges and shall never forget the pleasant hours spent with them.

In surrendering the gavel of office to my successor, I feel I am handing over to him a progressive and influential district in a very satisfactory condition, and I trust he will receive the hearty support and good fellowship which has been so generously given me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. DE W. RANDALL, D. D. G. M.,

Niagara District No. 10

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have pleasure in submitting a report of the condition of Masonry in this District and a detailed summary of the lodges.

Reviewing the District as a whole it can be truthfully stated that throughout the District, peace and Harmony prevail, with an enthusiasm which creates a healthy rivalry as to which lodge can present the most perfect work in the most impressive manner.

Substantial progress is being made, not only in the numbers added to the roll, but in the greater care in the choice of material, and the practical evidence of the influence of Masonry in deeds of kindness and benevolence to those in distress, and a renewed response to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

A perusal of the reports indicates that the amounts spent in entertainments by the Toronto lodges as compared with benevolent grants are out of all proportion, and where assistance is necessary, grants of a more liberal character might be given, and deserving charities of the locality aided, thus illustrating the practice of those precepts constantly taught in our lodge rooms..

CONDITION OF THE LODGES.

With one exception they are all in good working order. Steadily adding to their numbers in the country where constant removals prevent their total membership becoming large, and in Toronto, having more applicants than can properly be taken care of, which I am led to believe, will account for the large percentage of candidates we fail to interest in the work, because time will not permit of the degrees being given in that full and impressive manner which rarely fails to bind the candidate to our order, and I feel convinced that if lodges were allowed to initiate but two candi-

dates at a meeting instead of five, better and more lasting results would be obtained.

Nearly all the lodge rooms are comfortable and well furnished, but the ante-room and cloak rooms are entirely inadequate in most of them.

The exception noted at the head of this paragraph arises from the same cause which has worked so disastrously wherever tried, namely, non-resident officers. In the country efficient officers are scarce and difficult to retain, and I have tried to impress upon the brethren the advantage they would reap by taking some of the many bright young farmers, permanent residents of the locality, and having patience to teach and drill them in the work, would in a few years have a good staff of officers and Past Masters, who would attract others and be a power for good influence in the community.

Financially they are all clear of debt, and have cash in hand ranging from \$50 to \$8,000.

THE WORK.

In the lodges in Toronto I am inclined to think that if fewer degrees were given at one meeting better results would follow, as three or four initiations at one meeting invariably results in excuses being made for the omission of the lecture and charge, and there is a tendency to hurry through the work which robs it of the impressiveness which is so necessary to convey the lessons we desire to teach. And the practice of calling the lodge off for refreshment and leaving a few of the officers to continue with further degree-giving (especially if it be the first degree) cannot be too strongly condemned. It is impossible under such conditions for the candidate to form any conception of what Masonry stands for.

It can be fairly stated that all the officers show an evident desire to fill the position they undertake to the best of their ability, and with so many expert Past Masters ready and willing to take part the degrees are as a rule given in a correct manner.

In the country, although with much less material to work upon, the lodges generally confer the degrees in a most satisfactory manner and with an evident desire to impress the candidate, and the enthusiasm shown by the members, many of whom have to cover

long distances to attend the meetings, and the visiting brethren of other lodges within the range of say, twelve miles, is an inspiration. For outside the large centres they have none of the embellishments of large handsome lodge rooms, good musical talent and the entertainments of the fourth degree.

In some lodges in Toronto far too much of the time of the regular meeting is taken up with discussions, often upon trivial matters, that could better be dealt with by the B. of G. P. The result of this is the hurrying of the degrees, and excuses made to candidates instead of Lectures and Charges. This would be remedied if the brethren would approach every subject with a single eye to the best interest of their lodge and eliminate all personal feeling when dealing with Masonic subjects.

If the brethren of the cities would make some of their fraternal visits to some of their sister lodges of their District in the country, much good, I believe, would result to both.

If it is thought necessary that absolute and exact uniformity in the work should obtain, I would suggest the appointment of a superintendent of work, whose duty would be to instruct the officers of every lodge from time to time in the proper and correct manner in which the details should be carried out.

Under our present method I note some differences which probably arise from the various ways the D. D. G. Ms interpret details not laid down, or from changes that have been made by the Grand Lodge.

THE BOOKS.

As a rule these are well kept and give full and complete reports of everything' necessary, but in many of the lodges they are still continuing the old methods which give the maximum of labor with the minimum of information, and I think it would be a good idea if a copy of a standard set of the few books required were shown or loaned to the secretaries to enable them to copy. The procuring of statistical information would be rendered easy and the labor of the secretary greatly reduced.

ARREARS OF DUES.

In many cases these are too large and the fact that all the lodges are not alike in this respect would seem to indicate a mistaken leniency on the part of some.

If a brother really cannot pay, far better remit his dues and hold him in the hope that later on he will, but with those who can pay and do not, and take no notice of requests to do so, I would not hesitate suspending such, for no Mason with any love for his lodge would be guilty of neglecting his first duty to the craft.

A monthly payment, I am led to think is partly responsible for this. I would recommend a lump sum if paid within the first two months of the year, somewhat less than the total of the monthly amounts. This has proved fairly satisfactory where tried and lightens the work of the secretary.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the necessity for this Fund and their duty in providing Grand Lodge with the means to enable them to carry out the bounden duty of providing for those of our brethren who have from various causes become unable to provide for themselves, or have neither friends nor relatives who can do so, and unless taken care of by the craft would become objects of charity, and discredit the great teachings of our order, and I think I can see a large number of the brethren viewing it from this standpoint, which will, I trust, lead to its early completion.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

With the hope of securing uniformity in the work and awakening fresh interest among the brethren, my brother District Deputy of Toronto East District 11A, joined me in holding a lodge of instruction for the combined Districts on Jan. 6th, 1909. Our idea being to bring together as many as possible of the lodges located outside the large centres. We selected Aurora as the most central, the W. M. of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, having kindly placed the lodge at our disposal. To the officers of this lodge, and especially to the secretary, our thanks are due, he having kindly acted as secretary for the occasion. That the meeting was successful the presence of twenty lodges repre-

sented amply testifies. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. E. Braud, and the officers of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129. The second degree by W. Bro. W. H. Legge and the officers of Richmond Lodge, No. 23, and the third degree with W. Bro. G. J. Scott, Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa, in the East, and officers from several of the lodges present. The work as represented showed great care on the part of those who had undertaken it. and but trifling corrections were necessary. After each degree questions were asked by many of those present with regard to the work, the changes which have been made during recent years not having come under the notice of many of the older brethren. Altogether the meeting was most gratifying to us and we felt well repaid for the day spent.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

St. Andrew's 16; King Solomon, 22; Richmond, 23; Rehoboam 65; St. John, 75; Simcoe, 79; Markham Union, 87; Sharon, 97; Tuscan, 99; Rising Sun, 129; York, 156; Patterson, 265; Cedar, 270; Robertson, 292; Zetland, 326; Georgina, 343; Occident, 346; Alpha, 384; Zeta, 410; Acacia, 430.

R. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon, Nichols and Francis gave us the benefit of their assistance, which we much appreciated.

Union, No. 118, Schomberg; W. Bro. M. K. Dillane, W. M.—On the 5th of October I visited Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg, this being my first official visit. The third degree was presented for my inspection, and was well done by W. Bro. Dr. Dillane and his officers. This lodge is in a most satisfactory condition with good prospects. It meets in a very comfortable and well appointed lodge room of their own, well covered by insurance. They are clear of debt with some \$50 in the treasury. W. Bro. S. Leatherland makes a model secretary, a P. M. of the lodge and one of its oldest members. The books are all well kept and contain all the information required by the constitution. The W. M. of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora, with a number of Past Masters and members of the lodge drove some 24 miles to be present at the meeting, which was in all respects a most enjoyable one. The brethren of this lodge have con-

tributed about fifty per cent. of the amount asked of them for the Semi-Centennial Fund, and the secretary assured me that the balance would be made up within a short time by the members, or paid out of lodge funds. The presence of nearly the total membership is an evidence of the interest taken by the brethren in their lodge, of which they are very proud.

True Blue, No. 98, Bolton.—I visited True Blue Lodge on the 9th of October, but there were not enough brethren present to open the lodge so that I am unable to report on the work, and as the secretary was not present, could make no examination of the books. Of the 59 members on the roll, there are but 15 who reside within the lodge limits, and of these but five and the tyler showed sufficient interest to be present. Although they own a commodious and well furnished lodge building free of all debt, well covered with insurance, and have no liabilities, this lodge at the present time is in a most unsatisfactory condition. For some years the principal officers have been non-residents and this to a large extent will account for its present condition, plus the misfortune of newly added members, for various reasons, leaving the district. Of six new members in 1906 and three in 1907, five have moved away, and as these form the class from which the officers are drawn this has had a most depressing effect upon the few Past Masters who have remained loyal to their lodge, and upon whose shoulders the work has rested for many years. Under such conditions it is not surprising that the amount of dues unpaid is much too large and the amount contributed to the Semi-Centennial Fund is much too small, but I am led to hope that the conference I had with the brethren will lead to better results regarding that most deserving fund. The average attendance for some time has not exceeded eight, and with no applications in sight, the present prospects of this lodge are not good. I am, however, led to hope that W. Bros. F. N. Leavens and G. A. Norton, who have been the supporting pillars of this lodge for many years, will continue their labors of love until brighter days shall dawn for True Blue.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill; W. Bro. W. Riddell, W. M.—I made my official visit to Patterson

Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill, on the 5th of November, W. Bro. W. Riddell and the officers presenting the first degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge is highly favored in having on its roll of members R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, who still retains his old-time interest in his lodge by occupying the most important office of secretary, and it is a pleasure to look over the books and records of the lodge, which are full and complete. While they do not own the building in which they meet, they have a commodious lodge room, furnished and well covered by insurance. As might be expected the arrears of dues is small, their financial condition satisfactory and prospects good. But in regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund, they have not measured up to the standard that their general position would lead one to expect, but this is to be remedied in the near future. R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, with the Worshipful Master and a number of Past Masters and brethren of Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill, added much pleasure to the occasion by their presence. Of the 27 members residing within the lodge limits, 25 were present, which speaks loudly of the interest the members take in their lodge.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston.—I made my official visit to Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston, on the 27th of November. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the chair was taken by W. Bro. W. C. Burrage, and the third degree conferred upon one candidate. The Worshipful Master of this lodge having moved out of the jurisdiction immediately after being installed, a practical illustration is here given of the baneful effect such a state of affairs entails upon the lodge. The Past Masters, led to believe that he would be present at every meeting had made no preparation for a substitute, and it reflected great credit upon the Past Masters who exemplified the degree at this meeting in a most creditable manner. While the absence of the Worshipful Master is sure to be reflected in the other officers, I do not think it sufficient reason for the too apparent lack of enthusiasm on the part of some of the officers as shown by the manner in which they performed the duties of their office, and I trust my visit may result in an early improvement in this regard. This lodge is in a good condition with an

enthusiastic membership as shown by the attendance of ten Past Masters and nearly all the members. The books are well kept by a capable secretary and are full and complete. The comfortable room in which they meet is a rented one, but they have the nucleus of a fund for the purpose of building their own. They have not yet completed the amount asked of them for the Semi-Centennial Fund, but they intend doing so at an early date. They have sufficient insurance to cover their furniture and their prospects are good, for this section is a rapidly growing one. The average attendance is 14. I visited this lodge again on the 28th of May, and found a very great improvement in the management and the work. In December, 1908, they elected a new Worshipful Master, and a very noticeable difference was seen in the manner in which the degree was given. This was their meeting for the election of officers and the harmony and good feeling shown by the advancing of all the officers was very pleasant to see, and bespeaks for the lodge a continuance of the prosperity they have enjoyed for many years.

Peel Lodge, No. 486, Caledon East: W. Bro. C. W. Berney, W.M.—Accompanied by my District Secretary W. Bro. D. G. Sturrock, I visited Peel Lodge, No. 486, Caledon East on the 4th of December. W. Bro. C. W. Berney and the officers of the lodge conferred the third degree in a very satisfactory and impressive manner. In this lodge we have an example of what can be done by a small body of men having a single eye and a common goal in view. Organized in 1903, they have now forty-seven members. A comfortable and well-furnished lodge room, fully insured, and this being a rented building, they are making preparations for erecting a building of their own as the lack of accommodation for ante-rooms and the approach to the lodge room makes it very inconvenient. Their books are well kept and complete, and the advantage of a capable secretary is shown by the fact that they have practically no arrears for dues. This lodge is in a good condition with promising prospects. They have not yet paid their full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but are making progress and expect to have it completed with

in the specified time. W. Bros. F. N. Leavens and G. A. Norton with the Junior Warden and Junior Steward of True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton, were present, having a twenty-mile drive to do this, and their presence added to the pleasure of the occasion. The average attendance is about fourteen.

Victoria Lodge, No. 474, Toronto; W. Bro. T. E. Hoar, W. M.—Tuesday evening, January 19th, I spent with the brethren of Victoria Lodge, No. 474, Toronto, one of the youngest lodges of my District, an overflow from Stanley, No. 426, and using jointly with them, the same lodge rooms.

I had the pleasure in 1905 of assisting in the formation of this lodge comprising 17 charter members. They have now a membership of 96, showing great material progress, and the presence of nearly the entire roll, together with 18 Past Masters from adjacent lodges, gives ample evidence of the interest taken by the members and the harmony and good fellowship which prevails in this part of the District.

W. Bro. T. E. Hoar, W. M., and the officers exemplified the first degree in a most satisfactory manner, as might be expected, this lodge being under the watchful eye of R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, one of the charter members.

The Junior Warden being absent (through sickness) his duties were taken by the Senior Deacon, who gave evidence of his zeal and interest in the lodge, by the expert manner in which he performed the duties of the office.

The books are in good hands and show painstaking care in the full and complete reports of the proceedings, and show only six members in arrears for dues. The amount asked for the Semi-Centennial Fund in 1905 was paid in full and a further amount from the additional membership since, may be expected.

The condition and prospects of this lodge are good and they are now gathering a fund to erect a temple of their own in conjunction with Stanley Lodge, No. 426.

Their average attendance is about 35, and with \$800 in the Treasury, they are in good financial condition.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto; Wor. Bro. L. F. Riggs, W. M.—I visited this justly renowned lodge on the 24th of Nov., 1908. This being the 25th Anniversary of the Initiation of M. W. Bro. Allen, the brethren, to mark this happy event and show their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by this distinguished brother, presented him with a life-sized oil portrait of himself.

The presence of the M. W., the Grand Master, and a number of Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and prominent members of the craft, made this a notable event, and the speeches at the banquet which followed the presentation bore eloquent testimony to the high esteem in which this worthy brother is held by the whole fraternity.

I made my official visit on the 26th of January, 1909. W. Bro. L. F. Riggs and his officers exemplified the first degree, and the examination for the passing of the second, and I have never seen the work as well done as a whole. This was to be expected in a lodge whose foundations were laid by R. W. Bro. T. F. Blackwood, and whose upbuilding has been, and is now, so carefully watched by M. W., Bro. B. Allen.

The love and interest taken by the brethren is shown by an average attendance of 63 at the regular meetings, and 35 at the emergent, and the annual report of the lodge shows the splendid result of careful management, and an efficient secretary. With but few members in arrears for dues and a balance on the right side of the books of \$8,000 in cash.

The full amount asked for the Semi-Centennial Fund was paid in 1905, and a further amount is expected from those who have joined the lodge since. The condition of this lodge is all that could be desired and its prospects are excellent.

I attended a meeting of this lodge on the 23rd of March, which will remain a Red Letter Day in the history of the lodge, which has a record for its many notable gatherings of the craft. This occasion was the exemplification of the third degree by the Grand Master and the officers of the Grand Lodge.

The meeting was an inspiration to the large attendance which taxed the extreme limit of the ac-

commodation, and the lessons derived from its ceremony could not have been more impressively and forcefully conveyed.

At this meeting M. W., Bro. A. T. Freed was made an honorary member of the lodge with full privileges, and at the close of the ceremony was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The Grand Lodge officers were also presented with a special jewel, suitably inscribed as a souvenir of the occasion.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 481, Toronto; Wor. Bro. J. L. Little, W. M.—I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 481, on the 11th of February. This, the youngest lodge in the District, was inauguated in the early part of 1907, with W. Bro. John Stevens, Worshipful Master, and under his careful management, assisted by V. W. Bro. W. H. Hutchinson, V. W. Bro. J. W. Jones, W. Bro. W. B. Jones, and a number of enthusiastic brethren, the lodge has made gratifying progress. The Auditor's report for 1908, showing a cash balance of \$350, is ample evidence of prudent business methods.

At the election of officers in November, 1908, Bro. John Ferguson, one of the most enthusiastic of their charter members, was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and no brother ever took more pride and care in qualifying himself for that important office, and the sad news of his death prior to the meeting for installation of the officers, came to the members as "a bolt out of the blue sky," plunging them into deepest grief for one who held the respect and love of every member.

At the subsequent election W. Bro. Jackson L. Little was selected to fill the office, and the manner in which the Fellow Craft Degree was conferred upon two candidates, showed that he had lost none of the old-time skill which had so distinguished his former occupancy of the chair in Stevenson Lodge, 218.

The books are a model of neatness and reflect credit on the secretary for the painstaking care shown by the full and complete record of all the proceedings. This young lodge has set a good example to many of its sister lodges in having paid its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Their outlook is good and an average attendance of 30, out of a total membership of 73, is evidence of the interest taken by the members.

Wilson Lodge, No. 36, Toronto; E. B. Fletcher, W. M.—I paid this well-known lodge an official visit on Tuesday, 16th of February. The first degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner upon the son of one of the Past Masters, a red letter day in the life of this young man, and an event of joy to the father, and of great pleasure to the lodge.

In the absence of the Senior Warden and Junior Deacon perfection in the work could not be expected, but the positions were filled by the Secretary and the Junior Steward in a very creditable manner, and the presence of 17 Past Masters of this and sister lodges was a compliment to the Worshipful Master, one of the youngest W. Ms of the District.

It was a great pleasure for me to hear a resolution unanimously adopted, that the balance due for the Semi-Centennial Fund be paid at once out of the handsome balance now in the hands of the Treasurer.

The books are well kept and show great care and attention, but the amount of dues outstanding, \$808, show a mistaken leniency on the part of the management of this lodge which cannot be commended.

The condition of this lodge is excellent, their cash assets of \$3,500 showing careful management, as might be expected with R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton having charge of the treasury. Good prospects, and an average attendance of 60. The brethren are justly proud of their lodge.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto; Wor. Bro. E. J. Repath, W. M.—On the 30 of October, 1908, I attended a very large gathering of the members of Harmony Lodge, No. 438, and visitors from the lodges of the district, to congratulate R. W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, and present a testimonial to the Right Worshipful brother upon his successful year of office as District Deputy Grand Master, a position which he had filled with material advantage to the craft and credit to himself.

I made an official visit to this lodge on the 22nd of February, 1909, when two candidates were initiated by W. Bro. E. J. Repath and the officers of the lodge in an excellent manner.

The annual report of this lodge shows careful management and judicious handling of the funds, as a cash balance of \$2,750 amply testifies, but in the face of this, the Semi-Centennial Fund has a balance against it of \$474.00, which is difficult to understand in a lodge so well equipped as this in every way. The prospects of this lodge are good and its condition is excellent.

The books are well looked after by an efficient secretary, but the system of monthly payment for dues, I think, is responsible for the large amount of arrears shown—\$551.

A yearly amount commuted, if paid during the first two or three months of the year, would remedy this and relieve the secretary of much labor.

An average attendance of 70 out of a membership of 350 shows a lively interest taken in the lodge by the members.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills; Wor. Bro. W. K. Woodhill, W. M.—On Tuesday, March 2nd, I visited Mimico Lodge, No. 369, and received a warm welcome from W. Bro. W. R. Woodhill and eight of his Past Masters, who were present to support the youngest Worshipful Master in the District.

This lodge is most happily situated, and in splendid condition. Their working of the degree was excellent, and to the visitor it is evident that the members evince a lively interest in their lodge, of which they have reason to be proud, and look to their officers to maintain the reputation this lodge has held for many years. The building in which they meet is their own, well furnished, and not only are they out of debt, but have some \$600 in the treasury. While the lodge room is all that could be desired, the accommodation for cloak and preparation rooms is very bad, the builders having entirely overlooked this necessary adjunct to every lodge.

The books are in the hands of a competent secretary with a love for his office, and, with an experienced treasurer, they show what can be done if the right men are selected to fill these important offices.

No debts, practically no arrears of dues, and a nice cash balance to show after providing everything necessary for the well being of the lodge. The build-

ing is amply covered by insurance and they enjoy an average attendance of 30.

About half the amount of the Semi-Centennial Fund has been paid, and it may be expected that the balance will be paid up at an early date.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto; W. Bro. C. W. Dill, W. M.—I paid my official visit to Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, on March 4th. During the past five years I have had many opportunities for observing the workings of this lodge. With a membership of 384, the average attendance of 82 indicates the interest taken by the members; and the large number of visitors at every meeting is evidence of the regard in which the lodge is held by the craft at large.

This is one of the oldest lodges in Toronto, originally instituted in 1856, it became dormant in 1860, but was re-organized in 1870, and shows a continuous steady growth to its present prosperous condition. This is largely due to the number of Past Masters, who, by their presence at all the meetings, evince their loyalty and interest in their lodge.

W. Bro. C. W. Dill is supported by an excellent staff of officers, who realize the importance of conferring the degrees in an impressive manner.

The Secretary of this lodge is without a peer in the District, and is a tower of strength to the officers. His zeal and pride in his lodge is amply shown in the books, which are a model of neatness, and contain to the smallest detail a complete and full report of all the proceedings.

The treasury is guarded by an expert financier, and the careful business-like management has resulted in a balance of cash assets of about \$5,000, with only thirteen members in arrears for dues, amounting to less than \$100.

In such a lodge it might be expected that the Semi-Centennial Fund would have found a ready response, but the opposition of some of the prominent members from a mistaken point of view has so far resulted in but a small part of the amount asked being paid, but I am glad to note a growing feeling among the members of sympathy with this worthy object, which I feel will result in its being made up at an early date.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge; W. Bro. A. Houston, W. M.—I visited Blackwood Lodge No. 311, on March 5th. This lodge was formed by and named after R. W. Bro. T. F. Blackwood, one of the founders of Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto, and has enjoyed a very fair measure of prosperity.

W. Bro. A. Houston conferred the first degree upon a most promising young townsman, and considering that the Worshipful Master is but a three-year-old Mason, and some of the officers are only half that age, the work was done in a fairly satisfactory manner, and from the evident desire and enthusiasm displayed by all the officers. I feel that with a little more experience they will give a good account of themselves.

With a painstaking Secretary and a watchful Treasurer, the affairs of the lodge are in good condition, as shown by a cash balance of \$150, and well kept books, which however, show arrears of dues of \$251—this is not creditable to the 21 members who have failed in their duty, and should be reduced at an early date.

The lodge room is a substantial brick building of which they are justly proud, and they are looking forward to clear off a small balance of \$200, to have it free from any debt this spring. It is well covered by insurance, and will provide them with a home for many years.

Their membership is 59, and an average attendance of 13 is satisfactory, taking into account the fact that the homes of the greater part are some distance from the lodge.

The Semi-Centennial Fund has been lost sight of in their efforts to clear their building, but with that accomplished, they will, I am sure, fall in line with their sister lodges in making up their quota to this deserving fund, which appears to have their sympathy.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto; W. Bro. G. Carruthers, W. M.—In response to a very pressing invitation, I attended a special meeting of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, on the evening of the 8th of October, 1908.

This was their Past Master's re-union. R. W. Bro. Aubrey White presided, and the other offices were filled by Past Masters of the lodge. The third degree was conferred on a most receptive candidate, and the brethren of King Solomon's Lodge have reason to be proud of their Past Masters.

It was a great pleasure to me and an object lesson to the younger brethren present to witness the continued interest of the old members of the lodge as shown by the manner in which the work was done, and must lead them to enquire more closely into Masonry for the reason that it can hold the enthusiasm and unabated affection of men, who having received all the honors that their brethren could give them, are still found active members and workers in the lodge, and inspire in them a like zeal and love for their lodge.

I paid an official visit to this lodge on the 11th of March, when W. Bro. Geo. Carruthers and his officers conferred the first degree.

I have had many opportunities for observing the working of this fine old lodge and at all times there has been an evident desire on the part of the officers to do their best. Nothing less would satisfy R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and a long list of Past Masters, who take an active interest in the lodge.

The books are very complete and well kept, and good management is shown by a cash balance of \$1,200.

There are too many brethren taking advantage of the leniency of the management in the matter of dues, but the present Secretary is alive to this and intends to erase this blot from his books at an early date.

It was pleasant news to learn that a resolution had been passed to pay up at once the balance of their quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and a splendid example to the lodges that have not yet done so.

An average attendance of 72 shows the good condition of this lodge.

York, No. 156, North Toronto. W. Bro. T. J. Heron, W. M.—I was greatly pleased that during my year in office a foundation stone of a new Masonic Temple should be laid in this District. This event was celebrated on October 27th, 1908, at Eglington

when York lodge, No. 156 with a large concourse of citizens assembled to witness the ceremony performed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by a large number of Grand Lodge officers, and many congratulations were offered the members of York lodge for their enthusiasm and enterprise at the banquet which was served after the ceremony.

I paid an official visit to this lodge on March 19th, and as on other occasions found the officers for 1909 just as enthusiastic as I had observed their predecessors in former years. The work is well done, and the management in good hands. The Secretary has his books in excellent order and appreciates the fact that the 35 members who are in debt to the lodge for dues, \$163, imposes on him a task that must be taken in hand at once to reduce.

When the Semi-Centennial Fund was introduced, this lodge at once made up about a third of the amount asked from them, but for the past three years have been so bent upon erecting their new hall, that they have entirely overlooked it. They assure me that they are now taking it up again, and hope to complete their quota at an early date.

An average attendance of 70 from a membership of 176 speaks well of the condition of this lodge and its prospects are bright.

They are looking forward to dedicating their new Masonic Temple in September, and have a building which is a credit to their town, and will provide them with a comfortable Masonic home for many years.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple; W. Bro. J. A. Cameron, W. M.—I visited this ancient lodge (which was granted its first warrant by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1854), on March 30th, and found the old records, which are carefully preserved, most interesting reading. When the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, the brethren loyally came in with the other lodges and its first dispensation, dated 1856, is a notable document.

Maple is the smallest community in which I have found a lodge located, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of the brethren that they have withstood the constant drain upon their membership by reason of removals.

The First Degree was conferred by the Officers in a very commendable manner, impressiveness being a notable feature of the work.

They are fortunate in having the important duties of Secretary in the hands of W. Bro. J. B. McLean, who is one of the real pillars of the lodge.

The books, which have been in use a long time, are well kept, but they lack a complete record of the particulars of the members, which it is important that every lodge should have.

The building, consisting of the lodge room upstairs and a large hall below, is their own, free of debt and well covered by insurance. Careful management is shown in this, and by a cash balance of \$50, which with a membership of but 44 is very satisfactory. Their present condition and prospects are good, and an average attendance of 15 and dues well paid up, shows an active interest by the members.

About one-third of the amount asked for the Semi-Centennial Fund has been paid, and they have undertaken to make up the balance at an early date.

I was greatly pleased by the interest taken by the lady relatives of the members who provided an excellent repast, in which they all joined. This idea could be copied with advantage by the craft.

As an evidence of the kind feeling of the brethren of the neighborhood, although the roads were very bad, Richmond No. 23, was represented by 16; Robertson, No. 292, by 12, and Patterson, No. 265, by 9 members, R. W. Bros. J. E. Francis, and H. A. Nichols being among the number, and it is not often that 25 Past Masters are present, as was the case in this instance.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto; W. Bro. G. R. Chapman, W. M.—I made my official visit to this lodge on April 1st, W. Bro. Chapman and the officers presenting the first degree. This being their 29th anniversary, a large number of their older members were present, adding much to the interest of the meeting. They have always present a large number of Past Masters of the lodge to which I attribute their excellent condition.

The work is well done, all the officers being well up in their duties. The books are well kept, and good

management shown by a cash balance of \$3,000. With such a showing it might be expected that this splendid lodge would not feel satisfied to allow their quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund to remain less than half paid, and from the views expressed to me I judge they are not, and intend to remedy this at once.

Sixty-two members in arrears for dues seems a large number and should be reduced.

In addition to their 11 Past Masters present, there were 10 from other lodges, among them R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and Curran Morrison, and a large number of visitors is evidence of the hospitality and interesting meetings for which the lodge is noted.

Average attendance about 65.

Stanley lodge, No. 426, Toronto; Wor. Bro. J. T. Jackson, W. M.—On the 6th of April I made my official visit and found a large number of members and visitors present which would indicate a lively interest by the former and kindly regard by the brethren in the locality.

This part of Toronto has grown rapidly in population during the past five years and the two lodges are now forming a hall company to erect a building suitable to their growing numbers.

W. Bro. J. T. Jackson had two candidates for initiation and conferred the degrees in a very commendable manner, the officers appreciating the importance of their duties, gave him excellent support.

The Past Masters of this lodge turn out in large numbers and materially aid by their presence and active assistance at all the meetings.

The duties of the Secretary are well looked after. Dues are well paid up and books showing care and attention.

The condition and prospects of this lodge are good.

The attendance shows an average of 41, and a cash balance of \$1,200, good management.

They have not yet made up their quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but have a committee at work on it and are anxious to do so.

Ionic, No. 229, Brampton; W. Bro. J. A. Underhill, W. M.—A band of good fellows exemplifying the fundamentals of Masonry in spreading happiness about them; transacting the lodge business in a clean

cut, prompt manner; conferring the degrees correctly and impressively; spending a social hour together with their visitors, and getting to their homes at a reasonable hour, such was the impression I carried away after my official visit on the 20th of April.

A large number of Past Masters, headed by R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, (who takes charge of the important duties of Secretary), insist upon the officers becoming proficient in their duties, which insures good work, for they are keen critics.

The books of the lodge, as might be expected, are in good order—\$400 in cash is evidence of its condition and management, and its prospects are bright.

The Semi-Centennial Fund has been made up within a small amount, which they intend clearing off at once.

A large number of Past Masters, officers and brethren from Georgetown, Erin, Weston, Streetsville and Toronto, were present, adding much pleasure to the meeting.

Average attendance about 25.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto; W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence. W. M.—The 16th of December, 1908, I attended this lodge to install the officers in which I was assisted by R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan and the Past Masters, and many congratulations were offered to W. Bro. C. W. James for the successful and harmonious year the lodge had enjoyed under his regime.

My official visit was made on April 21st when the first degree was conferred upon two candidates in a satisfactory manner. Owing to the lengthy discussions by the members arising from the report of the Board of General Purposes, it was 10 o'clock before the ceremony of the initiation was entered upon, and it seemed a pity that the time of the regular meetings should be taken up with matters that could be better threshed out by the B. of G. P., for it is impossible to do justice to the candidates under such conditions, as many of the members become wearied and leave the lodge room and the tendency to make up for lost time by omitting the lectures, and the hurrying of the ceremony detracts from its impressiveness.

The average attendance of 60 is very good and the number of visitors indicates a friendly interest by the sister lodges.

Prudent management is shown by a cash balance of \$1,500, well kept books, and the dues are fairly well paid up.

The lodge property is well covered by insurance and its condition and outlook is good.

It is gratifying to see the number of Past Masters present at the meetings showing continued interest in their lodge and giving support to the officers by taking part in the work.

The Semi-Centennial Fund is far from being made up, and I have urged them to make up their quota from their surplus funds, which they will, I trust, do.

Zetland, No. 326; W. Bro. J. B. Hutchins, W. M.—As I was unable to be present at the installation of of the District Deputies at the Grand Lodge, this ceremony was held at Zetland Lodge, No. 326, on the 25th of September, 1908. This being their "Canadian Night"—a night set apart for the past seven years for the purpose of commemorating the memory of W. Bro. Wm. Angus, who inaugurated it, and to instill the spirit of patriotism into the hearts of the members—Rev. Canon Abbot of Hamilton, proposed the toast of "Canada" and W. Bro. Col. S. Hughes responded.

It was particularly pleasing to me that M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, who installed me as the W. M. of this lodge in 1905, should also install me as D.D.G.M. of Toronto West District, No. 11, in my own lodge.

At the regular meeting in March, Les Coeurs-Unis lodge, No. 45, of the G. L. of Quebec, were present as guests and exemplified the first degree in French. This being the first visit of a lodge of French Canadians to Toronto, made it a notable occasion. Niagara Frontier Lodge of the G. L. of New York, were also present in large numbers paying a return visit, and making a record meeting in the history of this lodge.

I made an official visit to this lodge on 23rd April, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. S. Lovell, D. D. G. M., of Toronto East District, No. 11A, he having kindly consented to inspect this, my own lodge. He reports:

At your request and at the kind invitation of Zetland lodge, I was much pleased to be present at its regular meeting held on the 23rd April. The reception accorded the representatives in the Districts, of the M. W. the Grand Master, was kind, indeed.

There was (as in fact I found in looking over the Register, there always is), a very large attendance, especially of presiding Masters. I found that the lodge is working in the manner authorized and that the returns have been regularly forwarded to the Grand Lodge.

On the occasion of my visit the second degree was exemplified in a most satisfactory manner, and I doubt if anyone, no matter how skilled, could have found any defects in the work.

The lodge is in a flourishing condition and is still maintaining the high standing it has held in the District.

I had an opportunity of examining the books of the Secretary, and, in my opinion, the system he has adopted, both as to the entry of the minutes of the meetings, as well as the record of the financial position of the members, might well be copied by other Secretaries and greatly assist the W. M., officers and members in ascertaining at a moment's notice the financial position of the lodge.

It is the largest lodge in the district, its financial position is sound, and I am pleased to note that the amount required from the lodge for the Semi-Centennial Fund has been fully paid.

At the close of the lodge, the visitors, including myself, were conducted by the members to the banqueting room where a most enjoyable time was spent.

There can be no doubt about the future prosperity of Zetland lodge. It is not only adding good material but does good work and entertains in a royal manner."

Robertson, No. 292, King; W. Bro. W. G. H. Stone, W. M.—I made an official visit to this lodge on 3rd May. The first degree was exemplified by the officers in a very satisfactory manner, and I was pleased to observe that they realize the importance of making the ceremony as impressive as possible. This lodge is the smallest in the District and with a large

number of visitors from Vaughan, No. 54, Richmond No. 23, and Rising Sun, No. 129, the accommodation was taxed to the limit. It was a pleasure to see 22 Past Masters headed by R. W. Bro. H. A. Nichols, and speaks loudly of the interest taken by the brethren of the surrounding neighborhood.

W. Bro. A. Carley has charge of the Secretary's duties and with W. Bro. A. D. Carley as treasurer, the books and financial affairs of the lodge are well looked after as shown by a cash balance of \$500 and dues well paid up.

The condition and outlook of this lodge are bright, and they are making ready to erect a building of their own, but while this is very commendable, it should not be a reason for their neglect to make good the pledges of their delegates to make up their quota of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I trust they will act on my suggestion that they take the amount necessary from the ample funds they have on hand.

Average attendance about 14. Insurance \$250.

River Park, No. 356, Streetsville; Wor. Bro. T. L. Kennedy, W. M.—I was glad of the opportunity of visiting this lodge on May 4th, when the third degree was presented for my inspection by the officers, and taking into consideration the difficulty they have met in retaining a set of officers, owing to removals and lack of true interest shown by some, the degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner.

I was surprised to find that this lodge have neither lodge room or furniture of their own, but have used that owned by the Odd Fellows, and it was pleasant news to learn that they had just made arrangements to take part of a building, now in course of erection, which will provide them with comfortable quarters for many years.

The past management of this lodge seem to have shown a lack of courage and faith in the stability of our institution which has now been happily dispelled and their present venture will, I am sure, greatly improve their prospects for the future.

The books are in excellent order and the financial management as shown by a cash balance of \$200 good, but there is an amount owing for dues which is larger than it ought to be, and shows a want of interest on

the part of some of the members, who are well able to pay their share.

To a few of the old members great credit is due for the faithful manner in which they have stood by this lodge, but there seems to have been a tendency to load all the work on them, thus giving them an impossible task and relieving the officers of the responsibility which is necessary to arouse the enthusiasm that makes for a successful lodge and leaves all the initiative in the one groove, from which it becomes difficult to move it.

Under such conditions it is not surprising that the Semi-Centennial Fund has received but little attention.

They have an average attendance of 14, which is satisfactory, there being but 25 of their members within a reasonable distance of the lodge.

A little more enthusiasm by the members, as a whole, would work greatly to the advantage and prospects of River Park Lodge.

It was a pleasure to meet R. W. Bro. W. H. McCadden, with a few of the Past Masters and brethren from Ionic, No. 229, Brampton, who were paying a fraternal visit on this occasion.

In accepting the office of D. D. G. M. for this fine District, I did so with a great deal of diffidence, having in mind the onerous duties of the office and my own limitations, but having put my hand to the plow, I set myself to running the furrow to the end as straight as may be, and can claim with clear conscience to have carried out the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

In passing on to my successor the insignia of office, I can assure him of a District harmonious, enthusiastic and loyal, and bespeak for him the same kind consideration and support which I have received from all the brethren.

If I have accomplished any good for the District, it has been largely by the assistance and loyal support of all the lodges and the splendid assistance and indefatigable labor of the District Secretary, W. Bro. D. G. Sturrock, who accompanied me on nearly all occasions, and to whom I am under great obliga-

tion, which I can hardly hope to repay, and to the many enthusiastic brethren who were good enough to accompany me on my visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES HAYWOOD, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto West, District, No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Toronto West District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION
22	K. Solm'n	Toronto.....
45	Vaughan	Maple.....
64	Rohobean	Toronto.....
85	Wilson..	Toronto.....
86	Wilson..	Toronto.....
98	True Blue	Bolton.....
118	Union....	Schomberg..
156	York.....	N. Toronto..
229	Yonk....	Brampton...
237	Ashlar...	Toronto.....
255	Patterson	Thornhill....
265	Robertson	King.....
305	Hubner ..	Weston.....
311	Blackw'd	Woodbridge.
336	Zetland..	Toronto.....
346	Occident.	Toronto.....
346	Riv. Park.	Streetsville.
346	Mimico...	Lamb. Mills
369	Alpha....	Toronto.....
384	Stanley ..	Toronto.....
426	Harmony	Streetsville.
438	Peel.....	Caledon E..
468	Victoria..	Toronto.....
471	Corinth n	Toronto.....

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO 11A.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In pursuance of the requirements of Grand Lodge, I have visited all of the lodges in District No. 11A, and beg to submit a brief report of my visits and of the state of Masonry.

First, permit me to state that I am much indebted to the officers and members of the various lodges for the courtesy and fraternal kindness extended to me on every occasion.

The loyalty to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge still continues. I found that the lodges were all working in the authorized manner, and as far as I could ascertain, returns have been regularly forwarded to Grand Lodge, with all moneys accrued due to it.

No lodges have been constituted during my year of office although petitions have been presented by brethren in Mount Albert and vicinity, and Sutton and vicinity, both of which were refused, and one also from brethren residing in the northeast part of Toronto, which, I am advised, has been assented to by the M. W. the Grand Master.

I appointed W. Bro. John Pearson, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, District Secretary, and I take this opportunity of publicly thanking him for the great assistance given me, as well as his kindness in accompanying me on many of my visits, which were as follows:

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Temple Building, Toronto.—This being my mother lodge I have had many opportunities of witnessing the work of the degrees and know that it is in a flourishing condition. On 13th April last I was accompanied by Rt. W. Bro. James Haywood, D. D. G. M., Toronto West District No. 11, who was kind enough to report for me on the

work of the various officers, and on the condition of the lodge. He found that the present officers are just as anxious as their predecessors to attain perfection in the work. Two candidates were initiated in an impressive manner. The condition and prospects of the lodge are excellent. The duties of Secretary are in exceptionally good hands, and in fact have been for several years past."

I have been informed that the full amount of this lodge's contribution to the Semi-Centennial Fund will be in the hands of the Grand Treasurer before the meeting of Grand Lodge in London.

The attendance at the regular and emergent meetings have been large. On the occasion of the visit referred to there were 87 members and visitors present.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill.—This lodge was visited by me on 5th October, and although the notice of my visit was delayed, the attendance was satisfactory.

There were no candidates, but the work of opening and closing the lodge in the three degrees was performed in a satisfactory manner. I had an opportunity of witnessing the work by this lodge in one of the degrees, on another occasion, on the 1st of March last, and also at the Lodge of Instruction, held at Aurora, and know that the officers are quite efficient in the work.

The attendance equals 50 per cent. of the membership. The lodge is in a good financial position, and I trust will add good material to its membership during the coming year.

I understood that the Semi-Centennial Fund has been fully paid.

The Secretary reports that he cannot find out if the lodge room has been dedicated.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Temple Building, was visited by me on 4th May. The ceremony of initiation was rendered in a most impressive manner, and the able work of the officers was assisted by exceptionally attractive music. This lodge continues to be in the same flourishing condition, although its membership has not increased during the past year.

There are no arrears for dues, the Semi-Centennial Fund has all been paid and the prospects are excellent.

St. John's, No. 75, Temple Building.—This lodge was visited on 2nd November. There was a large attendance of members and visitors—84 in all.

The first degree was exemplified in a satisfactory manner. The books are well kept. The financial condition of this lodge is exceptionally good, although there is a considerable amount owing for dues, according to a partial report obtained some time ago. I was then informed that nearly \$500 had been contributed towards the Semi-Centennial Fund. This lodge holds its own with the other city lodges in everything that is in the interest of the craft.

Markham Union, No. 87, Markham.—This lodge was visited on 4th December when the first degree was exemplified. There was a large attendance, not only of members, but visitors from Acacia and other lodges.

The exemplification of the first degree was very creditably performed. This lodge continues to prosper, it owns the building in which its meetings are held and is free of debt.

Good members have been added during the past year and its prospects for the ensuing year are bright. The Semi-Centennial Fund has not received much encouragement during the past year.

This lodge room has not been dedicated.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Queensville—I visited this lodge on 3rd November and 1st June, and witnessed the work of the first and second degrees.

Considering the membership there was on the occasion of my last visit a very large attendance when the work of the second degree was exemplified in every way satisfactory. The W. M. is an earnest Mason and with the assistance of an able Secretary, this lodge is in good hands. On the occasion of my first visit the first degree was exemplified, but owing to the absence of one of the important officers, the work was not so well done.

I understand the lodge is all right financially, there being a considerable amount owing for dues.

The prospects are fairly good. There has not been a full return in connection with the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Tuscan lodge, No. 99, Newmarket.—This lodge was visited on 10th March when the first degree was exemplified. The work was fairly well done. There was a large attendance of members. A number of visitors were present from Aurora and Queensville. The Secretary's books are well kept and as far as I can learn the prospects are good for the future. At present I have not received the returns from the Secretary, necessary to complete my report on this lodge. There has been no collection made for the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora.—This lodge was visited by me on 6th November, and again on the occasion of the installation of officers, on 24th June, by Rt. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.

This lodge has certainly been in good hands during the past year. It has added good material to its membership. The work of the first degree was exemplified in a manner much to my satisfaction. The Secretary's books are well kept and in every way the lodge is in a prosperous condition. Their hall is a credit to the members—it would be hard to improve upon.

The Semi-Centennial Fund has been paid in full.

There was a great many visitors from the different lodges in the neighborhood present on both occasions, which must be a great encouragement to the members.

Richardson lodge, No. 136, Stouffville—This lodge was visited by me on 5th November. There being no other work, I directed the W. M. to open and close the lodge in the three degrees. The officers showed that they were well skilled in that part of the work. The Secretary's books are well kept. There has been a slight increase in membership during the past year. The funds of the lodge are in a satisfactory condition.

From last return about \$45 have been paid the Semi-Centennial Fund. The prospects are fairly good. The Secretary can find no record of the lodge having been dedicated.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Temple Building.—My visit to this lodge was on the 8th February. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors; in all about 125.

The third degree was exemplified in an impressive manner.

Financially this lodge is in a satisfactory condition, but during the past year, although there have been 16 initiations, the membership has gone back 5, owing to suspensions and deaths. Although I am advised that about \$300 has been paid out during the year for benevolence, the Secretary informs me he does not know anything about the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge.—I visited this lodge on 7th December. There was a fair attendance of members and a few visitors.

The first degree was exemplified in a satisfactory manner. The books of the Secretary are well kept. Their finances are in a sound condition. I understand there has been considerable opposition to the Semi-Centennial Fund. The members of this lodge prefer to look after those in their neighborhood requiring assistance.

Up to the present I have not received the necessary returns from the Secretary.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont.—This lodge was visited by me on 5th May. I had an opportunity of witnessing the ceremonies of the first and second degrees. The Master was ably assisted by his officers, and in the second degree by one of the Past Masters; his work in that degree was exemplified with great care. All the other officers showed care in the preparation of their several duties. The attendance was only an average one.

The hall is owned by the lodge. There is a small debt outstanding, but the lodge has considerable funds to its credit. I am advised that nothing has been done with regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

The lodge room has not yet been dedicated.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Temple Building.—There was a special invitation sent me to be present at the regular meeting of this lodge on 18th March (Irish Night), when the third degree was exemplified. There were present 287 members and visitors. The work of the

degree was well done. The musical portion of the ceremony was of great assistance in making the Sublime Degree most impressive. The entertainment at the banquet was just such as Doric is noted for. They treated me with the greatest kindness and courtesy. The prospects of the lodge are good, and although they have shown only a net increase of one in membership, they have ample funds on hand and outstanding for dues. The Semi-Centennial Fund has not been paid.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, corner Queen Street and Bolton Avenue.—This lodge was visited by me on 2nd March, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors present (in all 81.)

The work of the evening was the exemplification of the first degree and was rendered in a satisfactory manner. The lodge has a large balance to its credit, but I am informed that the prospects are only fair, for want of unity among the brethren. This certainly should not be, and I sincerely hope a better feeling will prevail among the members during the coming year. There is still a large amount owing to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Very little interest has been taken in this important matter.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Temple Building.—I made two visits during the year, the first on the 7th November in their former place of meeting on the corner of College and Brunswick Avenues, when the first degree was exemplified, and the second in their present quarters on 3rd April. From former reports this lodge has always had efficient officers, and certainly the present are no exception. The increase in membership is commendable. The average attendance is large. There were over 100 present at the meetings I attended. The funds of the lodge are very large. A considerable sum is paid out annually towards relief, and the prospects are good. There is still a considerable amount owing on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Brock lodge, No. 354, Cannington.—I visited this lodge on 4th November and witnessed the work of the first degree. It was performed to my satisfaction and with the present officers there is no doubt the lodge will continue to prosper.

There was a very good attendance of members and visitors on the occasion of my visit, and I was very kindly received, as I was, in fact on all occasions.

They have a comfortable lodge room, which is rented. They have a fair amount of cash on hand, and a small amount of dues outstanding. The Semi-Centennial Fund is fully paid. The secretary can find no record of the lodge being dedicated.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, corner of Queen and Bathurst streets.—I made two visits to this lodge; on the 7th of November, when the first degree was exemplified, and second on the 5th of March, when the third degree was exemplified by Sutherland Lodge of Tonawanda, N. Y.

The attendance on both occasions was large. On the second visit there were 246 members and visitors present. The average attendance during the year has been 80, which shows the great interest taken by the members, and has given great encouragement to the officers to carry on the affairs of the lodge to the entire satisfaction of everyone who has witnessed their work. The lodge has during the year added considerable to their membership, and the prospects are good; so is the financial standing.

The contribution to the Semi-Centennial Fund was voluntary from the members, and about \$274 so far has been contributed. The lodge has not assumed any liability in the matter.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, corner of Queen and Bathurst streets. — Two visits were made by me to this lodge, one on the 23rd of October, when the lodge was honored by a visit from M. W., Bro. Dr. D. J. Goggin. There was additional interest taken in this meeting by reason of the presentation of the regalia of their respective offices to R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavill, Past D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. Ed. Barber, Grand Superintendent of Works.

The second visit was the occasion of the reception of M. W., Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master. There was about 150 brethren present on this auspicious occasion, which will long be remembered by every one present. The lodge has been prosperous during the year. They have a large amount on hand and the prospects are good.

The full amount of this lodge's share of the Semi-Centennial Fund has been paid.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering.—I attended this lodge on the 29th of April, when the second degree was exemplified. The W. M. and officers rendered the work to my satisfaction. This is a small lodge in membership, but the members take an interest in the work and the prospects are good. There is a fair balance on hand and the dues are all paid.

There is yet a considerable amount to be paid to the Semi-Centennial Fund. This lodge has not been dedicated.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, Toronto.—I visited this lodge on the 15th of February, and witnessed the ceremony of the first degree. The officers all showed an earnest desire to perform their respective duties as they should be done. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Now that this lodge has concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges, the prospects are very good.

The reception to visitors by this lodge is particularly noticed. There is yet a considerable sum to be paid to the Semi-Centennial Fund. The lodge has a large surplus on hand.

The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, Balsam Avenue, Toronto.—I visited this lodge on two occasions and was cordially received. The first visit was the occasion of the installation of officers, when there was a large number of members and visitors present. The next visit was on the 12th of March, when the first degree was exemplified in a satisfactory manner.

The books of the lodge are well kept, and their last statement shows a large balance to the good.

Everyone visiting this lodge is made to feel at home, and his welcome is such that it is his desire to return. At present I have not received from the Secretary the returns necessary to fully report on this lodge.

BEREAVEMENTS.

During the year just closing many of the brethren have been called to the Grand Lodge above.

The following have thus far been reported to me:

St. Andrew's, No. 16.—W. Bro. W. B. McMurich, K. C.; W. Bro. Sir James R. Gowan.

Ionic, No. 25.—Five brethren; names not given.

St. John's, No. 75.—Bro. James T. Cummings;
Bro. James L. Morrison; Bro. E. S. Piper.

Markham Union, No. 87.—W. Bro. H. R. Corson; Bro. R. Brick.

Stevenson, No. 218.—Bro. John Woodburn; Bro. Thos. Beck; Bro. John Stoneburg; Bro. Samuel Wilson.

Doric, No. 316.—Bro. Wilbur Henderson; Bro. George Fitzsimmons; Bro. C. Campbell; Bro. J. B. Hunt; Bro. R. Tilt; Bro. Dr. Joseph Wild.

Orient, No. 339.—Bro. Fred A. Drury; Bro. Josiah Bentley.

Georgina, No. 343.—Six brethren; names not given.

Brook, No. 354.—Bro. D. Gillespie.

St. George, No. 367.—Bro. J. Scrivener; Bro. W. J. Ball; Bro. F. E. Johnstone; Bro. W. B. Tooth.

Zeta, No. 410.—Bro. Augustus George Marmion.

Doric, No. 424.—Bro. R. S. Dillingham; Bro. Wm. J. Reazin.

Acacia, No. 430.—Two brethren; names not given.

Tuscan, No. 99.—One brother; name not given.

The Beaches, No. 473.—Bro. J. A. M. Ferguson.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

It was thought advisable by Rt. Wor. Bro. Haywood, D. D. G. M., No. 11, and myself, to hold a Lodge of Instruction during the year, and we selected Aurora as the most convenient place for that purpose. The W. M. and officers of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, kindly permitted us to use their capacious lodge room for that purpose. On the 6th of January, the meeting was held. Lodge was opened by that lodge at 2 p.m., and work in the first degree was exemplified by its officers. Afterwards the lodge was passed to the second degree by Richmond Lodge, and in the evening was raised to the third degree by members of various lodges. I believe the meeting will result in much benefit to all the lodges represented, there being 21 in all.

PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

In November last we called a meeting of the Past Masters' in both Districts for the purpose of re-organizing the Past Masters' Association. By-laws

have been adopted and several important matters have been discussed at the meetings, which have been held quarterly, and we believe the result of those and of subsequent meetings will prove to be of great benefit to all the lodges.

I cannot conclude this brief report without thanking the brethren for their kindness in selecting me to the important position of D. D. G. M. I have been loyally received on all occasions, and I have evidently had the approval of the lodges in this District, and, although I know full well that I have not done all that might have been done, I have endeavored to fulfil my duties to the best of my ability without offence, I trust to any one, and as far as my limited time would permit.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JAMES S. LOVELL, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto East District, No. 11A.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Ontario District, No. 12, for the past year, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for unanimously electing me as the representative of the M. W., the Grand Master, for this District.

No questions have arisen to call for adjustment, owing, no doubt, to the thorough manner my predecessors have conducted the work entrusted to them. I would be ungrateful indeed if I allowed this opportunity to pass without returning my heartfelt thanks for the brotherly assistance and advice so cheerfully and kindly rendered by these Rt. Wor. brethren on every occasion when required.

Harmony has prevailed throughout the District during the past year, and my hope and desire is that it may so continue.

I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the importance of a liberal response on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and was pleased with the kind attention given and generous support promised by the lodges not already contributing their quota to so worthy a cause.

I have visited every lodge in this District, and have witnessed the conferring of one or more degrees in a large majority of them. The W. Ms and officers in nearly every case showing that an earnest endeavor is being made to carry on the work as laid down by the Grand Lodge.

I was unable to hold a Lodge of Instruction during my term of office, but have the assurance that one will be held during the coming year.

At the request of the M. W., the Grand Master, I had the honor of dedicating Somerville Lodge room on February 4th, when about twenty Past Masters

from adjoining lodges, together with four Past D. D. G. Ms, generously responded and rendered cheerful assistance in performing the ceremony in a proper and becoming manner. A full report thereof has been forwarded to the R. W., the Grand Secretary. The brethren of this lodge are to be congratulated upon the liberal spirit displayed in furnishing their comfortable and convenient lodge room.

W. Bro. John Stanton, for nearly fifty years a member of Composite Lodge, was called to the Grand Lodge above, being the only brother reported to me.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

On the 3rd of November, 1908, I visited North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, at Haliburton, when a candidate was raised in a manner which reflected credit on the W. M. and officers taking part. The degree was beautifully and impressively rendered, and the work well and correctly performed. The prospects are bright; the books well kept, and the dues well paid up. I hope ere long the brethren will have a more convenient and comfortable home. I was accompanied on this visit by Rt. Wor. Bro. Fitzgerald.

On the 4th of November, 1908, I visited The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls. No candidate presenting, the W. M., opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees. A small attendance, owing to inclement weather. Books well kept, prospects bright and dues well collected.

On the 5th of November, 1908, I visited Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount. Work was three initiations—well and correctly done both by the W. M. and his officers. Prospects very good. Books well kept and dues well attended to. The brethren have purchased a very convenient building, which will not only prove a home for the craft, but also a success financially.

On the 6th of November, 1908, I visited Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, a small attendance being present, owing to the unpleasant weather, which prevented the attendance of the candidate. The second degree was exemplified by the W. M. and officers in a creditable manner. Books very well kept and dues well looked after. The room is small, but the prospects are bright.

On the 12th of January, 1909, I visited Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa. The work was an initiation, and was done in a correct and almost faultless manner by the W. M. and officers. Books well kept, and a large increase is taking place. I was also accompanied by Rt. W. Bro. Ross and a goodly number of members of Composite Lodge, No. 30.

On the 4th of February, 1909, at the request of the M. W., the Grand Master, I had the honor, with the assistance of four Past D. D. G. Ms and about twenty Past Masters from sister lodges, to dedicate the lodge room of Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount. It was a pleasant gathering, and the W. M., officers and members are to be congratulated upon their progressive spirit. A pleasant hour was spent at the close.

On the 5th of February, 1909 I visited King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland; a very good attendance of enthusiastic members. The work of raising was performed in an impressive manner by the W. M. and lodge officers. Books well kept and dues regularly collected. During the hour of refreshment I had the extreme pleasure of presenting on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Sutherland, the I. P. M. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Ross, P. S. W., of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, whose kind assistance I appreciate.

On the 2nd of March I visited Mount Zion Lodge No. 39, Brooklin, accompanied by a number of brethren from my mother lodge. No candidate being in waiting, the W. M. and officers exemplified the first degree. Just at present there is plenty of material offering and I hope will have a good effect on the attendance and interest taken in the work. Books well kept, but dues allowed to accumulate; believe this will soon be remedied.

On the 4th of March, I visited my mother lodge, Composite, No. 30, Whitby, where I received a hearty welcome. Work was a raising, and was fairly well rendered. The dues are well paid and books are properly kept. The want of candidates during the past year has had the effect of reducing the attendance, but hope for better results during the coming year.

On March 5th, I visited Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry. Work was a second degree, and was done in a faultless manner by the W. M. and his able assistants. The books are well kept and dues fairly well paid. Prospects good. For a lodge numbering over 100, the attendance was anything but satisfactory.

On March 18th, I visited Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon. This was an emergent meeting, and the attendance was not large. No candidate being in waiting, the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, after which the first degree was exemplified in a very correct manner. Books well kept and dues well looked after. The members of this lodge do not take that interest in lodge matters I would wish.

On March 19th, I visited Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay. This was also an emergent meeting, which somewhat accounts for a rather small attendance. The work was an initiation, which was well done. This is the strongest lodge in the District, yet the proportion of attendance was far below what I had expected. Books well and correctly kept and the dues are not allowed to accumulate.

On March 30th, I visited Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton. Attendance was small, but the brethren present appeared to have a correct idea of their responsibility as Masons. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the W. M. and the Wardens, the chairs were filled by P. Ms. Books well kept by Rt. Wor. Bro. Williamson, on whose shoulders has fallen the major portion of the duties of this lodge during the past year. Dues fairly well collected. Prospects not too bright at present.

On the 27th of April, I visited Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa, accompanied by a number of my brethren from Whitby. Expected a kind reception and was not disappointed. This is a fine lodge, well officered and equipped. Work, a raising, which was done in a very correct and impressive manner by the W. M. and his officers. The members of this lodge, a large proportion being young men, should maintain its proud position for many years to come. Books well and correctly kept, and dues well collected.

On the 27th of May, I visited Harding Lodge, No. 477, at Woodville. This being a special meeting, the attendance was not as large as usual. However, the W. M. and officers passed a candidate in a very creditable manner. The lodge room is owned by the craft and is a financial success. I wish them every success. The books are nicely kept and dues well looked after.

My last official visit was made on the 28th of May to Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield. The weather was unfavorable and attendance not large. The W. M. and officers raised a candidate in a very correct and instructive manner. This visit was to me a real pleasure owing to the fact that nearly two years had elapsed without a meeting on account of their hall being refused for further use as a Masonic lodge room. Books well kept and dues fairly well collected. Prospects bright for an increase in membership. R. W. Bro. Williamson and W. Bro. Staback accompanied me on this visit, as also did a number from sister lodges.

In closing this report, I wish to say that no spirituous liquors were in evidence at the refreshment tables during my entire visitation.

I wish also to bear testimony to the uniform correctness in which the books were kept, owing, no doubt, to the fact that in almost every case they are kept by Past D. D. G. Ms or Past Masters.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH WHITE, D. D. G. M.,
Ontario District, No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Ontario District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem- bership		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Meets held			Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem'rs 12 mths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance			
			Increase during year	Decrease during year																							
30 Composite.....	Whitby	75	1		2	1	2			2			1	12	2	14	17	51	50	1	\$ 34 00	Jan. 5, 1909	Good	Fair	Yes	\$500 00	
39 Mount Zion....	Brooklin.....	47	3		3	2	1						11	11	14	53	60	7	90	00	May, 1909	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00		
77 Faith's Breth'n	Lindsay.....	183	4		12	11	5	1					2	12	5	17	62		17	161	50	Febr'y, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
139 Lebanon	Oshawa.....	108	11		10	13	13	1	2				1	13	5	18	25	32	35	7	114	00	Jan'y, 1909	Very good	Good	Yes	400 00
268 Verulam	Bobcaygeon...	49	9		7	5	3						11	1	12	15		171	70	Jan. 31, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00			
270 Cedar	Oshawa.....	103	12		12	13	12						10	4	14	26		153	15	Dec. 31, '08	Good	Good	Yes	850 00			
398 Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....				3	2	2						13	1	14	13		65	25	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	600 00			
406 The Spry.....	Fenelon Falls.	82	5	3	2	2	2	2		2	1		11	11	20	10	00	15	00	June, 1908	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00			
408 Murray	Beaverton....	54			2	2	2			2			13	8	21	33		72	00	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00			
428 Fidelity	Port Perry...	105	5		9	12	12	2		4	2		12	1	13	19	10	00	2	42	25	Feb. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
440 Arcadia.....	Minden.....	57	7		7	5	5			3			13	2	15	14		5		Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	...			
451 Somerville....	Kinnmount...	56			11	11	7			4	1		11	1	12	12	5	00	6	17	50	Dec. 29, '08	Good	Good	Yes	275 00	
463 N'th Entrance	Haliburton...	46	8		5	4	3	3					14	2	16	12		27		July, 1908	Fair	Good	Yes	500 00			
464 King Edward	Sunderland...	58	5		5	4	3						11	1	12	12	10	00	2	11	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
477 Harding	Woodville....	49	3	1	2	2		1					1	11	1	12	12										

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO 13.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Prince Edward District during the past year; and before doing so I desire to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for having elected me to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master of this District, and for the uniform courtesy, kindness and consideration which I have received at their hands during my term of office.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary, W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, and as District Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. R. C. Blgrave, both of Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville, Ont.

I have visited all the lodges in the district once officially and owing to the careful and efficient manner in which my predecessors have performed their duties, I found the work throughout the District very uniform, and the Worshipful Masters and officers thoroughly competent in the working of the various degrees.

I am pleased to inform you that harmony prevails throughout the District, and that I have only been called upon to adjust a few trivial differences between brethren during my term of office, all of which have been or, I trust, in the near future, will be, amicably settled.

I desire to express my thanks to the following Belleville brethren who accompanied me on many of my visits for their able assistance in the lodge room, and their interesting addresses given at the banqueting tables. I refer to R. W. Bros. Arthur McGinnis, F. E. O'Flynn, Col. W. N. Ponton, V.W. Bro. F. Davey Diamond, W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, District Secretary, and Bro. William Stuart.

I found the books of the Secretaries correctly and neatly kept, and in most lodges the dues have been well paid.

I also found that the attendance at the regular meetings of the various lodges in this District has been good, showing that the interest of the lodges is well maintained.

I am sorry to say that the payments to the Semi-Centennial Fund by most of the lodges in this District have, up to the present time, been neglected. I explained carefully at each meeting the necessity of each lodge paying its proportion to this Fund, telling them that as first arranged, I, myself, was opposed to this Fund, but that, since the system of payment of benefits has been changed, I am in hearty accord with the same, and believe that it is absolutely necessary in the interests of the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren that the payments to this Fund be made.

On the evening and afternoon of October 21st, I had the honor, at the request of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, to act for him at a special communication of Grand Lodge, convened for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, at Bancroft, Ont., when I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Arthur McGinnis, acting as Deputy Grand Master; W. Bro. J. W. Pierce, M. P. P., acting as Grand Senior Warden; W. Bro. Col. J. R. Orr, acting as Grand Junior Warden; Bro. Rev. T. H. H. Hall, acting as Grand Chaplain; W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, acting as Grand Secretary; Bro. S. P. James, acting as Grand Senior Deacon; Bro. Wesley Reid, acting as Grand Junior Deacon; V. W. Bro. R. H. Spencer, acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Wm. Stuart, acting as Grand Pursuivant. A large and distinguished gathering of the brethren of the District was also present and took part in this interesting ceremony. After the Consecration Ceremony had been completed. I requested R. W. Bro. Arthur McGinnis to install the officers, which he did in a very able manner. Bancroft Lodge begins its career under very favorable auspices, and I have no doubt will rapidly become one of the strong lodges of the District.

On the afternoon of Sunday, May 30th, a divine service for the District was held at Christ Church, Belleville, where a very scholarly and impressive sermon was delivered to the brethren by the District Chaplain, Rev. Bro. R. C. Blagrove. A very large gathering of members of the craft, including representatives from nearly every lodge in the District, was present at the service. Nearly all the lodges in the District have attended divine service during the year.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

The following brethren have been reported:

Rt. Wor. Bro. Wesley Lattimer, died December 23rd, 1908, and was buried with craft honors December 25th, 1908. Bro. Lattimer first saw the light of Masonry in Moira Lodge, No. 11, on August 15th, 1884, at the age of 24 years, and after filling all the appointed and elective offices in his lodge, was elected Worshipful Master for 1890 and 1891, and re-elected and served for 1898, and ruled wisely and well. Was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward District, No. 13, at Grand Lodge meeting held at Ottawa, July, 1899, and was held in high esteem by the brethren of the District.

At the time of his death he was an honorary member of his lodge, having been unanimously elected thereto by ballot on May 24th, 1899. He was also honored by the citizens of his native city by being elected alderman for Murney Ward for the year 1901.

W. Bro. Searing Johnson, who died at Bloomfield on 23rd of June, 1909, aged 86 years, 11 months and 13 days. He was initiated in Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, on the 5th of April, 1849. Some time afterwards he moved to the Township of Ameliasburg and became the first Worshipful Master of Lake Lodge. After a time he moved from Rednerville to Bloomfield and affiliated with his mother lodge and became almost a constant attendant at Prince Edward Lodge meetings. His being a Free Mason was the pride of his life. As a Free Mason he would judge and wish to be judged. His enthusiasm in craft Masonry knew no bounds, and he was for over sixty years and

two months an active member. He was buried by the craft on Friday, 25th of June, 1909.

Bro. S. S. Brintnell was initiated in Colborne Lodge on the 15th of March, 1889, and died on the 15th of March, 1909, just 20 years, a remarkable coincidence. He was Master of the lodge in 1901, and was an enthusiastic member during his membership.

VISITS.

Moirs Lodge, No. 11, Belleville.—This being my mother lodge, I timed my visit so that it would come on the day of the 25th anniversary of my initiation and I was enthusiastically received by the brethren, the attendance being one of the largest in the history of the lodge. Being myself the Secretary, I would simply say that Wor. Bro. Willoughby Anderson and his efficient staff of officers are doing as good work as has been done in many years past by this the mother lodge of the District.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg. This lodge seems to be in a flourishing condition. A large deputation of brethren from Belleville and surrounding lodges accompanied me on my visit to this lodge. The work was well done and we were royally entertained.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton.—This is the banner lodge of this District, and, as would be expected, the work was exceptionally well done. They have recently spent a large sum of money in re-decorating and furnishing their lodge room, and to-day have the best appointed and most beautifully furnished lodge room in this District, and possibly the finest in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. Wright, who is a member, was present, and a number of visiting brethren from Belleville, Star in the East, Consecon and Lake Lodges.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton. — This lodge needs no recommendation from me, as it is well known as one of the good working lodges in this District. This is the mother lodge of Rt. Wor. Bro. C. A. Lapp, my predecessor, who was present. A large number of visitors were present from the surrounding lodges and we spent a very enjoyable evening.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton. — The brethren of this lodge are well known for hospitality and good fellowship. I was accompanied by a large deputation

of Belleville brethren, and we were right royally entertained by the brethren of Trent Lodge. Very Wor. Bro. R. H. Spencer is the Secretary of this lodge, and he informed me that there was not one dollar of unpaid dues outstanding. This is certainly something to be proud of.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc.—This is an old and prosperous lodge, having its membership scattered over a very large district. The officers did not work as well together as I would like to have seen, owing to lack of practice, the various officers living so far away. At the time of my visit, the dues were not as well paid as I would like to have seen. The Secretary has since informed me that there is an improvement. The lodge is in a good healthy condition.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon.—My visit to this lodge was made on a very rainy night, and in spite of the inclemency of the weather, there was a very large attendance not only of the members of the lodge, but of visiting brethren from the surrounding district. This lodge owns their own hall and dining room attached, which is very convenient.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling.—I was greeted by a large attendance of the brethren on my visit to this lodge. The work was well done, and the books of the lodge found in good order. Rt. Wor. Bro. John Shaw, Past District Deputy Grand Master, was present.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne.—This is an old and prosperous lodge, and has always been very careful in the selection of its members. I desire especially to mention the Secretary of this lodge, Bro. George Keyes, who has been continuously in office for forty years without ever missing a meeting. Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank L. Webb resides here and was present at the meeting as well as a large number of visitors from the neighboring lodges.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville.—The good work of this lodge is well known throughout the District and needs no commendation from me. This lodge being situated in my home city, I have had the pleasure of visiting same unofficially several times during the year.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford.—I was greeted by a good attendance of the members on my visit to this lodge and found the officers doing their work well.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford.—This lodge has a splendid set of officers who do their work well. There was a large attendance of members and visitors.

Percy Lodge No. 161, Warkworth.—This lodge is situated a number of miles from the railway, in a splendid section of the country. Everything indicates a healthy growth. I find the work well done and the books and records of the lodge in good order. The Secretary has not always been as prompt in answering communications as I would like to have seen, but, no doubt, will do better in the future.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington.—This lodge has a splendid building of their own and is progressing steadily. There was no regular work, so I asked the Worshipful Master to examine a visiting brother for the benefit of the lodge and this was found very instructive.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg.—I made my first official visit of the District to this lodge and was loyally received by the brethren. The work was well done and a very pleasant evening spent with the brethren of the lodge and visiting brethren from surrounding lodges, Rt. Wor. Bro. David Spafford, Past District Deputy Grand Master, was present.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora.—This lodge was in a very healthy condition and did their work well. They own their own building.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed.—I was greeted by a very large gathering of the brethren on my visit to Tweed lodge. The work of this lodge is well done.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville. This lodge was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. The officers are very efficient and do their work well.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto.—I visited this lodge, accompanied by a large number of brethren from Belleville and we were met at the train by Wor. Bro. Frost, who was initiated into Moira Lodge, No. 11, and who is still a life member of this lodge. It gave me great pleasure to visit the lodge with Wor.

Bro. Frost as Master. The work was well done and the books and records found in good order.

In conclusion I have only to say that my constant aim has been to fulfill the duties of my high office to the utmost of my ability. Owing to ill health, it was at times a severe tax on my strength to make some of the visits particularly as they entailed long drives and late hours; yet, it has been such that I shall always look back with a great deal of pleasure to the kind and courteous treatment I received at the hands of my brethren of Prince Edward District. I have spoken to them plainly when necessary and my re-proofs were always kindly received, the brethren knowing that they came from the heart and were made in the best interests of Masonry. I wish especially to thank the Past Grand Officers of the District, Wor. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, District Secretary, and others for their continual support and advice, which was always cheerfully given, and I shall never forget the many pleasant hours spent with the brethren of this District and hope that the profit and pleasure derived from these meetings has been beneficial to all.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN NEWTON, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District, No. 13.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have pleasure in presenting the following report on the condition of Masonry in this District for the year just closed.

I regret very much that owing to the protracted illness and death of my daughter that I was unable to visit all the lodges of the district and prevented in as faithful a discharge of the responsibilities of the office as I could wish, but through the kindness of R. W. Bro. R. W. Longmore, who visited Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee; Cataraqui Lodge No. 92, Kingston, (where he met brethren from the Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, and Minden Lodge No. 253, Kingston); Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque; Albion Lodge No. 109, Harrowsmith, and Prince Arthur Lodge No. 228, Odessa, in my behalf, nearly all the lodges of the District were visited.

One of my first official acts was to appoint W. Bro. Robert Cox, of Victoria Lodge, No. 299, as District Secretary, who has given me much assistance during the year.

The work, both routine and degree work, in the lodges I visited, was done in a most creditable manner and with great uniformity, owing in a great degree to the efficient work of my predecessors. It speaks well for the harmony existing between members of the various lodges that I have not been called upon to help in the adjustment of any differences arising between members.

On April 10th, 1909 I was requested by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to represent him in dedicating the hall of the brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, which was done April 28th, 1909, a report of which was sent to the Grand Secretary.

On Dec. 3rd, I officially visited Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville, when the first degree was conferred on a candidate in an efficient manner.

This lodge though formerly in a rather weak condition, has now, by the addition of a number of desirable and enthusiastic members been placed in a flourishing condition.

There were present 47 members of the craft, visitors included.

This lodge has recently renovated their room, and now have a neatly furnished place for meeting. On that occasion I had the pleasure on behalf of the lodge of presenting to W. Bro. William Aylesworth a Past Master's jewel and to Bro. E. W. Lohead, a W. M's. apron, which were acknowledged by them in suitable terms.

I also visited St. Andrew's Lodge, at Arden, now working under dispensation. The members of the lodge were nearly all present and seem very zealous for the welfare of the lodge, and Masonry in general. The initiatory degree was conferred very creditably upon a candidate.

The lodge, though as yet small, is making substantial progress, having added eight new members during the year.

The regular attendance of their aged Secretary should afford a useful lesson to the younger members of the lodge. I think the prospect is good for the welfare of the lodge.

I visited Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath, Dec. 28th, 1908 and invested their officers.

The first degree was conferred on a candidate by the Worshipful Master in an efficient manner, well assisted by his subordinate officers.

This lodge is doing good work, and is in a prosperous condition. The zeal and fidelity of the older members will have an influence on the younger members which makes the continued prosperity of this lodge a certainty.

Paid an official visit to Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth on January 15th, 1909, when the third degree was conferred on a candidate in a very satisfactory manner. Much credit is due W. Bro. J. A. Brown and his officers for the excellent rendition of

their work, they being new in office, having been installed about two weeks previously. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, due, to quite an extent, to the efficient services of their Secretary, W. Bro. J. Aylesworth—the right man in the right place. There were 53 brethren present, including some visitors.

On April 28th, 1909, I visited Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh, on the occasion of the dedication of their hall, which they have erected, and which they have elegantly furnishd, making it one of the best equipped lodge rooms in the District. This lodge includes in its membership two Past District Deputies, R. W. Bros. R. W. Longmore and G. A. Aylesworth, who with several zealous Past Masters are sure to keep the lodge up to its present efficiency.

I visited Westport Lodge No. 441, on July 2nd, and found in attendance about twenty members of this lodge. A storm arising early in the evening prevented the Worshipful Master and several brethren from Simpson Lodge No. 157, Newboro. from being present. The Secretary of Simpson Lodge, however, was present with the books of his lodge, which I looked over and found well and neatly kept.

Both Westport and Simpson lodges are in a flourishing condition.

The chair was ably occupied by W. Bro. Gorrell, who, though advanced in years, has lost none of his enthusiasm for Masonry.

A well attended meeting of Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee, was visited by R. W. Bro. Longmore, April 3rd, 1909, when the work of the first and second degrees was exemplified. The R. W. Bro. reports that the officers were well up in their work, and that the Secretary's books are well and neatly kept.

On June 11th, 1909, R. W. Bro. Longmore visited Cataragui Lodge, No. 92, at which a number from the Ancient St. John's, No. 3, and Minden lodges were present.

He reports that the officers of the lodge are well skilled in the work of their respective offices.

The Past Masters of the lodge presided over by R. W. Bro. Shaw, put on the third degree in an excellent manner.

R. W. Bro. Hendry, the Secretary keeps his books in an excellent manner, being a model of neatness.

This lodge voted \$50.00 to the Kingston General Hospital, which was supplemented by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw by \$50 more. This is not an unusual occurrence in this lodge, as last year they gave \$400.00.

The Secretary of Minden Lodge, No. 253, V. W. Bro. T. D. Minnes, was present with the books of his lodge. They were kept in first-class condition. Minden lodge also gave \$100 to Kingston General Hospital.

Leeds Lodge, No. 21, Gananoque, was also visited by R. W. Bro. Longmore, June 29th, 1909. The officers of this lodge are all well skilled, the work of the third degree being splendidly rendered.

The floor work of the Deacons was equal to that done by trained military men. The books of this lodge are neatly and properly kept.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith, was visited by R. W. Bro. Longmore, July 2nd, 1909, who reports that no degrees were conferred, but the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, almost perfectly. R. W. Bro. F. S. Wartman gave an interesting and instructive address on the principles of Free Masonry and the lessons they were intended to teach. This address was well given and well received, and could not fail to have a good effect on his hearers.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa, was also visited by R. W. Bro. Longmore on the 5th of July, 1909, and he reports that the lodge was well attended, there being a number of visitors from neighboring lodges. There was no special work, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a creditable manner. He has often visited this lodge on other occasions and knows they do their work well.

I wish again to thank R. W. Bro. R. W. Longmore for the great assistance he gave me in visiting these lodges for me, when I was unable to do so.

A. B. CARSCALLEN, D. D. G. M.,

Frontenac District, No. 14

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table shewing the work done in Frontenac District No. 14 from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Mem- bership	Degree' Conf'd		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	Affiliations		Resignations	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held		Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief	No. mem'rs 12 m'ths in arre'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W M work all degrees	Insurance
				E. A.	F. C.				M. M.	Regular				Emergency	Total									
146	St. And'w's	Arden	19	8	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	618	94	6 50	Dec	'08	no debt	Good	Yes	none		
146	Pr of Wales	Newburgh	53	3	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	16	4 00	Dec.	'08	solvent	Bright	Yes	500 00 on fur.		
404	Lorne	Tamworth	72	5	7	9	4	1	2	1	1	1	10	515	20	16 50	June	'09	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
441	Westport	Westport	49	3	6	1	3	6	1	5	1	1	13	13	16	40 00	Dec.	'08	Good	Good	Yes	none		
157	Newboro	Newboro	70	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	13	215	15	8 00	June	'08	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
288	Pr. Arthur	Odessa	45	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	215	12	5 00	Feb.	'09	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
109	Albion	Harrows' th	70	2	4	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	9	110	15	60 00	Dec.	'08	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
253	Minden	Kingston	13	7	12	8	5	6	3	3	3	3	10	414	24	135 00	June	'09	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	200	10	10	10	4	4	2	1	3	12	618	40	264	00	31 75	Dec.	'08	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
201	Leeds	Gananoque	153	3	3	2	1	3	3	3	210	212	33	41	50	30 00	Dec.	'08	Good	Good	Yes	600 00		
299	Victoria	Centreville	42	2	3	4	4	1	1	1	11	213	152	13	30 00	Jan.	'09	Good	Fair	Yes	350 00			
9	Union	Napanee	135	4	6	6	7	3	3	1	12	416	22	204	95	35	60 00	Jan.	'09	Good	Good	Yes	Is ins.	
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	66	7	6	4	3	2	1	1	12	1215	5	00	14	67 00	June	'09	Good	Good	Yes	300 00		
3	An't St John	Kingston	181	2	7	6	6	4	6	1	211	617	30	103	43	10	32 00	Dec.	'08	Fair	Good	Yes	867 00	
212	Elysian	Grdn. Isl'd	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	8	.....	Jan.	'08	Good	Fair	Yes	none	
460	Rideau	Seeley Bay	58	2	1	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	111	15	.....	Jan.	'09	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00

No. of Lodge

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present to you this report on the condition of Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

My first official act was to ask Wor. Bros. J. G. Campbell and F. V. Buffam, both of True Briton's Lodge to act as District Chaplain and District Secretary respectively and for their acceptance of same, I wish to thank them.

I addressed a letter to each of the lodges in the District, laying before them, among other things, the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and at all my official visits I have urged upon the brethren the importance of this laudable undertaking, and, in every case, except two, have received marked expressions of encouragement; of these two, I believe one will, ere long, take the matter up and feel satisfied will do their duty as Masons. I have not complete figures to hand, but know Crystal Fountain, No. 389, and St. Francis, No. 24, have paid their share in full; while Osiris U. D. have paid in \$50.00, which speaks well for the good Masonic qualities possessed by the brethren of this young lodge. I feel reasonably sure a marked advance has been made throughout the District in regard to this Fund.

While fully appreciating the value and importance of detail and knowing each lodge expects at least some space allotted to it. I will endeavor to report upon the condition of the craft in this District in a short and general way, leaving out that which, though it may be of local interest, is not of sufficient importance to the craft in general to warrant taking up the time and attention of your Grand body; besides I know it is your wish to be brief.

I shall, therefore, speak in general terms of the lodges mentioning in particular those only which, by reason of excellent standing, are deserving of special mention, or those which come below the average.

It affords me great pleasure to report, after visiting all the lodges in the District, that as far as accurate working is concerned, with perhaps the exception of one or two, the work done in the lodges in this District is of a very high standing. I found the mostly well posted in their respective duties. The Wor. Master in every lodge appeared to me to be a Master well chosen and conducts the business of the lodge as it should be conducted. The same might be said of the Secretaries. They understand their business; their books are neatly kept. It is hard to discriminate, but I cannot help mentioning the name of Very Wor. Bro. Fluker, Secretary of St. Francis No. 24, as the ideal Secretary. St. Francis Lodge may well feel proud of him.

This happy state of affairs I attribute in a marked degree to the faithful work of Past D.D.G.Ms, for I believe that an earnest, energetic District Deputy Grand Master is in a position to do more good, of a lasting character than any other officer of the Grand Lodge, coming, as he does in contact with the brethren, and I hope that the brethren will elect the best man available to this important office.

The lodge rooms, with the exception of Macoy Lodge, Mallorytown, are all that could be desired, Harmony Lodge, Delta: Sussex and Salem, of Brockville; Central, of Prescott, and St. Francis, of Smith's Falls, having exceptionally fine lodge rooms. I understand the brethren of Macoy Lodge are having their rooms refurnished.

The golden principles instilled by such Master Workmen as Dewey and Geiger of Sussex and Salem, Graham and Carruthers of Central, Edwards and McKim of St. James; Fluker, Martin, Wyndman and Waffle, of St. Francis; Campbell, McMartin, Hogg and Hope, of True Britons, and other zealous followers of the faithful, illustrate to me, that as long as Masonry exists these lodges will justly take upon themselves the position of leading lodges. I could

not speak in any terms too flattering of these brethren or their respective lodges.

This is the bright side, but there is another, a dark side. In three of the lodges there has been trouble during the year. In one case, where the trouble arose over the improper use of the ballot, the matter was brought up on the occasion of my visit, and, I am pleased to say, was adjusted, and the brethren of this lodge are now working together as Masons should. In the other two, charges have been preferred, and, although not settled, yet, I trust, will be in the near future.

There is a time always, a twilight zone, in which differences of opinion, of belief, of conviction, must clash and strive for supremacy, but when the daylight of decision is reached, the will of the majority should prevail, and I sincerely trust that those differences may speedily be adjusted so that peace and harmony may prevail.

During the year I received a petition from a number of brethren of the Village of Lombardy, requesting a dispensation for a lodge at that place. The petition was accompanied by a recommendation from St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, of Smith's Falls; also a certificate of qualification of the proposed Wor. Master, from Rt. Wor. Bro. Martin. Owing to my belief that it is a mistake to organize too many lodges in small places, I sent the facts of the case, together with the papers received to the M. W. Grand Master and left the decision to his more mature judgment. He informed me that he could not, at present, see his way clear to grant a dispensation.

The following dispensations have been granted:

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387.—At Home, Feb. 19th.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24.—At Home, Feb. 23rd.

Salem Lodge.—At Home, Feb. 19th.

Osiris Lodge U. D.—At Home, Nov. 27th, 1908.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5.—To attend service, June 27.

True Britons Lodge, No. 14.—To attend divine service and decorate graves of departed brethren, June 20.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24.—To attend service, June 27.

The by-laws of St. James Lodge, No. 74, and True Britons, No. 14, were revised during the year.

Of the deaths which occurred during the year, the following were reported to me:

Wor. Bro. Benjamin Warren, True Britons, No. 14.

Bro. Joseph Avery, Macoy Lodge, No. 242.

Bro. John F. Kelly, Macoy Lodge, No. 242.

Bro. R. Niblock, St. Francis, No. 24.

Bro. William Hart, St. Francis, No. 24.

Bro. William Quinsey, Sussex, No. 5.

Bro. Dr. John Easton, Sussex, No. 5.

Bro. Isaac W. Marshall, Salem, No. 368.

Here terminates the "tilt against time." Our road the past year has been through pleasant places, indeed. Everywhere a cordial welcome greeted our coming, and our progress was often sped by "a heart warm fond adieu." Truly the knightly courtesy extended and the princely entertainment accorded us on our round will long be remembered. Each visitation was an ovation. Of their banquets I will only say, their viands were like themselves—excellent. And now that the time has come when another will take charge of this office, proud of my rank of a Past Grand Lodge Officer, I will drop back into the ranks, and I assure you the honor that has been given to me by that faithful band of workers, the brethren, the gentlemen, who go to make up the lodges of the St. Lawrence District, awakens within me thoughts and feelings of grateful appreciation, though they find such feeble expression, but while I again return thanks to the gallant corps and hope to meet again, I must extend to them my fond, fraternal farewell.

W. T. HANDS,

D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in St. Lawrence District No. 15 from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Membership		Degree Conf'd	Total No of all Mem.	Decrease during year		Meet'gs held											Amount paid for relief	No. me'ths 12 mths in ar'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
			Increase during year	Decrease during year			E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N P D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total	Average atten'ce of members								
5	Sussex	Brockville	248	7	12	14	2	1	4	2	11	8	19	32	125	00	10	79	00	Dec.	27, '08	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	Trust.		
14	Tr. Britons	Perth	116	5	7	8	7	1	2	1	12	8	20	16	25	00	13	77	00	Dec.	27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	700 00		
24	St. Francis	S'th's Falls	145	6	2	3	3	1	4	2	12	2	14	25	40	00	...	Dec.	28, '08	Good	Good	Yes	500 00				
28	Mt. Zion	Kemptville	99	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	12	1	13	14	5	00	18	87	25	June 4, '09	Very good	Fair	Yes	300 00			
55	Merricks'v'l	Mer'kville	93	2	1	1	4	2	3	1	12	2	14	15	25	00	6	14	00	Dec.	27, '08	Rair	Good	Yes	150 00		
74	St. James	Bethel	72	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	13	2	15	25	35	00	15	40	00	June 4, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00			
85	Rising Sun	Athens	123	12	4	3	5	1	8	1	12	2	14	25	95	00	25	85	00	Dec.	27, '08	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	750 00		
110	Central	Prescott	88	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	11	1	12	30	45	00	5	45	00	July 2, '09	Good	Good	Yes	600 00			
242	Macoy	Malloryto'n	176	13	4	11	9	8	1	3	1	12	4	16	37	103	40	82	50	June 24, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	Trust.			
368	Salem	Brockville	76	13	4	11	9	8	1	3	1	12	4	16	37	103	40	14	82	50	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00		
370	Harmony	Delta	8	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	10	1	11	14	10	00	2	15	00	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00			
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	48	4	1	3	2	1	1	1	12	2	14	15	25	00	3	25	00	July, 1909	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00			
389	Cr. Fount'n	N. Augusta	42	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	0	10	15	25	00	19	49	00	Dec.	28, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00			
416	Lyn	Lyn	47	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	11	2	13	15	50	00	7	50	00	Dec.	27, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00		
416	Osiris	S'th's Falls	42	12	10	7	6	2	...	...	11	6	17	19	12	50	...	.....	.....	Dec.	27, '08	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	None

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the 16th Masonic District.

I desire first to express my thanks to the brethren of the Ottawa District for the confidence reposed in me, in conferring the honor of electing me to the distinguished position which I occupy; and also for their unvarying courtesy during my whole term of office. My gratitude is especially due to those brethren who have accompanied me on my visits to lodges outside of the city, and whose presence and counsel have been both an inspiration and assistance to me on every occasion. I have had the unique experience of never visiting a lodge without the company of some distinguished brother.

I have visited each of the nineteen lodges in the Ottawa District. It is with pride and gratification that I am able, conscientiously, to report that the state of Masonry within this District is not only flourishing, but healthy and progressive. The reports of the individual lodges which follow show conclusively that not only are the Officers and brethren fully impressed with the necessity of a correct rendition of our ceremonies, but they are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry and the practice of all its virtues. On every occasion I have been greeted with a fraternal welcome as the representative of the Grand Master, which fully demonstrated their loyalty to Grand Lodge.

Financially the lodges are all prosperous, their contributions to benevolence and charity being commensurate with their ability. The contributions to the S. C. B. Fund have not been up to my expectation or desire, but, on the other hand, I have had the pleasure of forwarding from Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52,

a sum which is more than \$100.00 in excess of their full quota. I have used every effort to urge the claims of this Fund upon the attention of the brethren of the various lodges and I still hope that, in the near future, they will recognize their responsibility and duty in this matter.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. John C. Scott, District Secretary. I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude which I owe to this capable and willing brother who has been of immense assistance to me in arranging my visits, carrying on correspondence with the different lodges, and accompanying me throughout the district.

The greatest harmony prevails within the District; I have never been called upon to adjust any trouble or dissatisfaction of any kind.

In December I had the honor of being invited to the City of Hull, to meet the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, together with the Deputy Grand Master and several other distinguished brethren of our sister jurisdiction. The occasion was a most pleasant one and served to cement the already friendly relations which exist between the brethren on both sides of the Ottawa River.

At the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I conducted the ceremony of laying the corner stone of St. Mary's Anglican Church, at North March, Ont., on Wednesday, 23rd June. A large and influential party of Ottawa brethren accompanied me on this occasion. I was particularly pleased to have the company of Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. C. O. Carson, D. D. G. M. of the Eastern District, who aided materially in the ceremony.

Upon arrival at the site of the church we were welcomed by the rector, Bro. Rev. George E. Weagant, M. A., who presented me with a silver trowel suitably inscribed, as a souvenir of the event. The ceremony was then proceeded with in strict accordance with the prescribed form. After the stone had been truly laid, the Acting Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. P. W. Anderson, delivered a masterly address, which was much appreciated by the audience. There was a large assemblage present at the function, and

all were bountifully entertained by the ladies of the congregation.

During the afternoon, I addressed those present, as did also the following brethren: Rt. Wor. Bros. George S. May, S. A. Luke and Rev. C. O. Carson; Wor. Bro. J. H. Putman; Bros. R. H. McElroy, M. L. A. for Carleton, F. A. Heney and R. T. Richardson. Mr. W. T. Armitage acted as chairman.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte.—My first official visit was to this lodge on 2nd October. I was accompanied by Wor. Bros. Duncan Brown, Thomas Shanks, E. G. Shane and J. C. Scott, the District Secretary. After a very cordial reception, the second degree was exemplified in a manner which called for nothing but commendation. Wor. Bro. M. H. Steele is a model Secretary, his books being an example of neatness, and he is looking well after the arrears. Among the visitors were Wor. Bro. Forbes and Bro. T. B. Caldwell of Evergreen Lodge, Lanark. I addressed the Brethren on the S. C. B. Fund and urged them to have their balance collected during the year. A social time was spent, after the lodge closed, at the banquet table. The Worshipful Master having removed from Almonte, the lodge was in charge of Wor. Bro. McCarthy, the I. P. M.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark.—I visited this lodge on the evening of 6th October, in company with Wor. Bro. M. Rosenthal, Worshipful Master of Prince of Wales Lodge. We were joined at Carleton Place by Wor. Bros. D. H. McIntosh, M. D., J. C. Switzer and G. H. Findlay, of St. John's Lodge, all of whom showed us the greatest courtesy throughout the trip.

Evergreen lodge is having a hard time, owing to the officers and members being scattered over a large area; and I am sorry to say that some of them seem to take little interest in the meetings or welfare of their lodge. A few brave hearts, however, are struggling along, hoping for better results. I found the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. W. J. Rothwell, fairly well skilled in the work. He opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a satisfactory manner. There being no candidates I had him exemplify the

first degree on one of the brethren present, which was done acceptably. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept. I found a great many brethren in arrears, some for a number of years, and addressed the lodge on the importance of having these outstanding dues settled in full or in part, and where this was impossible, I recommended that the delinquent brethren be suspended, except some valid excuse were given why they should not be thus dealt with. I also addressed them on the S. C. B. Fund, setting forth its laudable objects and exhorted them to renewed efforts along this line, but I fear that, so far as this lodge is concerned, they will be unable to raise the sum of money expected of them.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place.—On the evening of 14th October, with the following brethren, Rt. Wor. Bro. William Northwood, Very Wor. Bro. Walter Rowan, Wor. Bro. Thomas Shanks and Wor. Bro. J. C. Scott, I paid an official visit to St. John's Lodge. The work consisted of two third degrees, the first being exemplified by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Hooper, and the other by Wor. Bro. G. H. Findlay, a Past Master. The work was very satisfactory and called forth words of praise from all the visitors. Wor. Bro. Hooper is a young man, very ambitious and zealous for his lodge, and makes an excellent Master. St. John's Lodge has the advantage of a number of regularly attending Past Masters, who take a great interest in their lodge, and are ever ready to assist with the work. It is prosperous and the arrears are well attended to by the Secretary, who keeps a very neat and correct set of books.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa.—This was my first official visit in the city, on the 27th October. It was a very large and influential meeting, many Past Masters, Worshipful Masters and Officers being present, together with the following Grand Lodge Officers, Rt. Wor. Bro. John Wilson, and Wm. Northwood, and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. D. Clark. The Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Thomas Saunders, and his Officers performed their duties in a very correct and creditable manner, which elicited great praise. This lodge has now an excellent set of Officers, and appears to have a bright future ahead. A splendid banquet was tend-

ered, at which were given many instructive and eloquent speeches and excellent songs. I took advantage of the occasion to bring before the members the claims of the S. C. B. Fund, and trust that my remarks may bear good fruit.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew.—I paid my official visit to this lodge on 2nd November. The following Ottawa brethren favored me with their company, viz.: Rt. Wor. Bro. John Robertson, Wor. Bros. Walter M. Ross and J. C. Scott and Bro. Chas. Watt. The work was a third degree, splendidly exemplified by the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. John Conley. At opportune times appropriate music was rendered by a good choir which greatly added to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony. This is a fine lodge. They have beautiful quarters and are in good financial condition, and have several Past Masters who take great interest in the lodge. Wor. Bro. McKinnon, the Secretary, keeps a neat set of books and collects the dues promptly. An interesting discussion on the S. C. B. Fund took place, which, I trust will stimulate the brethren to renewed effort, after which a very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet board.

Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell.—At my request, an emergent meeting of this lodge was called for 30th November. A delegation of 33 Ottawa Brethren was present, including many Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Rt. Wor. Bro. S. A. Luke, and the District Secretary. The work for the evening was the third degree, exemplified by the Worshipful Master, Very Wor. Bro. Walter Rowan, who with his officers deserve great praise for the manner in which the degree was presented. Very Wor. Bro. Rowan has been a great source of strength to this young lodge, and at a great sacrifice of time and exertion has been successful in bringing it to its present state of efficiency. Bro. Lowrie, the Secretary, is a splendid officer, and has the welfare of the lodge at heart. A pleasant time was spent at the banquet upon the conclusion of the ceremonies in the lodge room.

The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa.—This lodge was visited on 11th December, a large delegation accompanying me, including Rt. Wor. Bros.

John Wilson and William Northwood. Two second degrees were exemplified by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. J. N. Ferguson, in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge has a good set of Officers and a bright future. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Wor. Bro. E. C. Wight, the Immediate Past Master, who had well earned the honor. As there was no fourth degree, a very enjoyable time was spent in the lodge room, instructive speeches and discussions taking place, which were highly appreciated and of great benefit to the craft. The books are neatly and correctly kept by the Secretary, Very Wor. Bro. H. H. Cairns.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa. — My official visit was paid to this lodge on the 5th of January, their regular meeting. This was one of the largest Masonic meetings I have ever seen in Ottawa, consisting of members, visitors and a number of Grand Lodge officers. The work submitted for my inspection was a first degree, and I have rarely, if ever, had the pleasure of seeing a degree better exemplified. Wor. Bro. E. J. McCleery is a very impressive worker. The floor work was excellent, the Deacons and Inner Guard performing their work faultlessly. The Junior Warden delivered the lecture in a clear and impressive manner, and I. P., Master Roberts gave the Charge to the Candidate in an excellent manner. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Wor. Bro. Roberts, the unstinted applause showing how well it was deserved. With the excellent calibre of the officers, this lodge may have no fear for the future. After the lodge was closed, a recherche repast was provided. M. W. Bro. T. B. Flint, P. G. M., of Nova Scotia, replied to the toast of "Sister Grand Lodges," in his usual fluent and entertaining way. There were four visiting brethren, clergymen, who all gave excellent patriotic speeches.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior. — On Monday, 11th of January, Wor. Bros. H. W. Chamberlain and L. W. Coutlee, and Bros. John W. Fenton and L. H. Sitwell, journeyed with me to visit this lodge, where we were received with a hearty welcome, for which the Arnprior brethren are noted. The work of the evening was a second degree, which was

carefully given by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Dr. W. F. McKay. All the officers are well up in their work, the lecture and the charge being both well delivered, and the floor work was particularly good. The Secretary, Bro. Henry Newham, is in efficient of-
ficer, keeping a neat and correct set of books. I was particularly pleased with the executive work which was handled with despatch in a business-like way. A fourth degree followed in a neat and cosy room adjoining the lodge room, and the brethren were most attentive to the comfort and entertainment of the visitors. The lodge has over-paid its assessment to the S. C. B. Fund, setting an excellent example to the other lodges in the District who have been negligent in this matter.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa.—I visited this lodge on the 5th of February, and was greeted by a large attendance of officers and members, as well as visitors. Wor. Bro. C. W. Jeffrey worked the first degree in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, entirely satisfactory to me in every particular, notwithstanding the fact that this was the first time he attempted the degree, as he had been installed at the previous meeting. The Past Masters of Doric Lodge form an active and faithful portion of its membership, and I was especially pleased with the accurate and impressive way in which Immediate Past Master W. H. Graham delivered the Charge to the candidate. Four Past Masters received the appropriate recognition of their services to the lodge by being presented with Past Master's jewels. The usual banquet was eliminated, and I took occasion to congratulate the executive officers upon this step, and pointed out that the funds of the lodge could be devoted to much better purpose than the elaborate festivities which usually follow an official visit.

This lodge has contributed its full amount to the S. C. B. Fund, and I expressed the hope that their example would be followed by other lodges in the city and district. The future of Doric Lodge is assured.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden. — In company with Rt. Wor. Bro. Luke, I paid my official visit to Cobden Lodge on the evening of the 9th of February,

and found a well appointed and commodious lodge room, with a fair attendance of members present. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Rev. T. W. Goodwill, worked the first and second degrees quite satisfactorily. He has a splendid voice and a very impressive manner. I was very much pleased with the candidate to be passed; he not only answered the questions correctly, but also had the obligation of the first degree perfect. The lectures in both degrees were well delivered, and the floor work, with some slight inaccuracies, which I corrected, was good. The lodge was afterwards raised to the third degree, when I instructed the Worshipful Master and officers in the penalties and signs, especially the mode of receiving and communicating. I endeavored to arouse a new interest in the S. C. B. Fund, and assurances of attention to it were made. A sumptuous banquet followed.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa.—My official visit to this lodge was on the 16th of February. This being my mother lodge, I have had many opportunities during the year of witnessing the work, as performed by the Worshipful Master and officers. Their work has been uniformly good, and I need not particularize it in any way. The financial standing of the lodge is excellent. They have paid in their full allotment to the S. C. B. Fund, and have also a substantial reserve fund. The Past Masters are unusually active and faithful, and the attendance at all the meetings is above the average. The occasion of my official visit was of a social, rather than ceremonial, character. Over 225 members and visitors filled the room. I had the privilege on this occasion of presenting a P. D. D. G. M. regalia to Rt. Wor. Bro. William Rea, who has been actively connected with this lodge for over thirty years. The gift was subscribed to by brethren of all the lodges in the city, and the enthusiasm which marked the presentation was ample evidence of the great esteem and regard in which this veteran Mason is held by the city brethren.

My own brethren also took advantage of the opportunity to present me with a token of their appreciation of my own services to the lodge and District,

in the form of a handsome cabinet of silver, a gift which I shall ever value as a token of the fraternal regard of my brethren.

Many distinguished brethren, including the mayor of the city of Ottawa, members of the Senate and the House of Commons, attended the festivities which followed, and the occasion will mark an epoch in the records of the lodge.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa.—I visited this lodge on the evening of the 25th of February. There was a large attendance present to greet me. The work was the Entered Apprentice Degree, which was exemplified by Wor. Bro. J. McK. Skead, and his officers most acceptably. Every officer was alert, prompt and well qualified. The feature of the evening was a lecture—"Some Thoughts on Masonry"—delivered by Rt. Wor. Bro. William Northwood, P. D. D. G. M., of this District. Rt. Wor. Bro. Northwood is well known in this city as a deep student and able exponent of all matters pertaining to the craft. On this occasion his address was extremely interesting and instructive. Commencing with the attractiveness of Masonry to so many men of different ideals, he went on to discuss the relation of Masonry to religion, and pointed out that these great systems of morality cannot be dissociated. He then elaborated on the subject of Masonry as a deterrent force from many kinds of evil conduct.

The value of such a brother as Rt. Wor. Bro. Northwood to any lodge cannot be over-estimated, and although a Past Master for over 25 years, his activity and interest in his mother lodge seem to increase every year.

Prince of Wales Lodge is prosperous financially, and the books of the Secretary, Wor. Bro. John B. Wright, are models of neatness and accuracy.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke.—In company with Rt. Wor. Bro. John Wilson and Wor. Bro. L. W. Coutlee, I paid my official visit to Pembroke Lodge on the 4th of March. This lodge is the Masonic home of so many Past Grand Lodge officers, including two Past Grand Masters, that I anticipated my duties as inspecting officer would be of the lightest possible nature. My expectations were fully real-

ized. Wor. Bro. Harrison presided over his lodge with tact and ability, and his own work, as well as that of his officers, afforded no opportunity for anything but commendation. The work was the M. M. Degree. The ceremony was elaborated in a very beautiful way by the choir, which is an outstanding feature of the work of this lodge. Pembroke Lodge during the year has suffered the sad loss by death of Very Wor. Bro. O. G. Copeland. He was a Mason of recognized ability, enthusiastic, a general favorite with his brethren, and a man whose life was a shining example to all who knew him.

I was hospitably entertained by the brethren, after the lodge proceedings were over, and I shall not forget the happy recollections of my visit to Pembroke Lodge.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa.—This lodge was visited officially on the 9th of March. Wor. Bro. H. W. Chamberlain presided over the lodge. I have had frequent opportunities of inspecting the work of this lodge, and by mutual arrangement between the Worshipful Master and myself, it was decided to depart somewhat from the usual procedure by omitting the exemplification of a degree that evening. An invitation was, therefore, extended to M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, P. G. M., to deliver his lecture, "Masonic Numbers and the Magic Square."

A large attendance greeted this distinguished visitor, and his address was listened to with much interest and satisfaction, by over 200 brethren. As this lecture has been delivered elsewhere in the jurisdiction, and is consequently familiar to many brethren, there is no necessity for me to enter into details. It is sufficient to say that the large audience in Ottawa listened with rapt attention, and the lecturer was the recipient of many complimentary expressions at its close. Among the brethren was a large number of senators and members of Parliament, from Nova Scotia to British Columbia.

The banquet which followed was of an extremely interesting character, addresses Masonic and patriotic being delivered by distinguished guests.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville.—When I visited this lodge on the evening of April 12th, I had

the very acceptable company of Rt. Wor. Bro. William Northwood and Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred Cook. The attendance was small, but our welcome was none the less whole-souled and enthusiastic. Though laboring under the disadvantage of a widely-scattered membership, this lodge is not only holding its own, but also making some progress. The work of the evening was the E. A. Degree, and was very correctly conferred by the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. James, who lives at such a distance that to attend a meeting of his lodge necessitates an absence from his home for two days, a striking proof of his Masonic enthusiasm. The work of all the subordinate officers was good. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Dr. J. H. Reeves, is a most efficient officer, keeps a neat and correct set of books, and is carefully looking after the arrears, which in the past have been neglected somewhat. This lodge has done its part with regard to the S. C. B. Fund.

Excellent addresses touching on the true spirit of Masonry by Rt. Wor. Bros. Northwood and Cook, were given, the evening's proceedings closing with a splendid banquet which was enjoyed by all.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp.—Accompanied by Wor. Bro. Dr. A. S. McElroy, I officially visited Carleton Lodge on the evening of April 30. I was met at the station by Wor. Bro. G. H. Groves, M. D., and was most hospitably entertained at his home. This lodge is mostly composed of country members, living at a distance, and, as the weather was inclement, the attendance was small. Wor. Bro. Richardson, the Worshipful Master, presided. There being no candidates present, no degree was conferred. I, however, learned from Past Masters present, that the Worshipful Master is competent and capable of working the three degrees. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, questions asked, and interesting and profitable discussions followed. Good sound speeches were given by some of the officers and visiting brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Secretary, Bro. T. E. Argue, is a capable officer; he keeps his books neatly and attends well to the collection of dues. I took occasion to bring to the notice of the brethren their negligence

with regard to the S. C. B. Fund, and hope it will have tangible results.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower.—I was accompanied by Wor. Bro. A. E. McCordick of The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, a former member of Corinthian Lodge, to whom I am deeply indebted for many courtesies, when I visited this lodge, on the evening of May 28th. There was a good attendance of members, which would have been much larger had the weather been more propitious, as the roads were almost impassable. After I had addressed the lodge, the work of the evening was proceedd with, which was the M. M. Degree. This was exemplified in an intelligent and impressive manner by the Wor. Master, who was ably assisted by the other officers. The Wardens of this lodge are very capable officers. It also possesses an ideal Secretary in the person of Bro. Rev. E. A. Johnston, who keeps a neat record of the affairs of the lodge, attends well to the collection of the dues, and is also a fluent speaker. The proceedings throughout called for my best commendation. Refreshments were served after the lodge closed, and a pleasant hour was spent. I brought to the notice of the brethren the claims of the S. C. B. Fund, this being one of the lodges in the District which, so far, has contributed nothing to this fund. This is partly accounted for by the fact that, starting in 1905, the brethren of Corinthian Lodge have built and tastefully equipped a commodious lodge room, which is now free from debt, and speaks well for their enthusiasm.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond West. — Fifteen Masonic enthusiasts, including Past Masters, Worshipful Masters and Rt. Wor. Bro. John Wilson, bore me company when I visited this lodge on the 1st of June. The means of conveyance was by motor cars, and the trip through the beautiful country between Ottawa and Richmond was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were courteously received and entertained by the brethren. The work was the third degree, which was conferred in a correct and careful manner by Wor. Bro. J. A. Cummings, and called forth congratulatory remarks from myself and visiting brethren. The Wardens and other officers were

all well skilled in their different parts. The lodge is in good hands, financially sound and promises a bright future. They have suffered a severe loss in the removal to another field of labor of their former secretary, Wor. Bro. Rev. Chas. Saddington, who made an excellent officer, and on this occasion elected Past Master R. H. Grant to fill the vacancy. This brother's long and honorable service in the lodge bespeaks him to be the right man in the right place, and I congratulated the lodge on their selection. A pleasant time was spent at the fourth degree, and our party returned home at an early hour, tired, but thoroughly satisfied with their visit to Goodwood.

During the past year the Grim Reaper has been active in this District, as the following list of deaths reported to me will show:

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa.—Wor. Bro. Thos. Story, P. M.; Bro. William Anderson, M. M.; Bro. C. E. Ault, M. M.; Bro. A. P. Ketchum, M. M.; Bro. M. D. McKay, M. M.

St John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place.—Bro. Fred Laplante, M. M.; Bro. William Patterson, M. M.; Bro. Rev. G. S. Reynolds, M. M.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew.—Wor. Bro. John C. Wright, P. M.; Bro. John Ferguson, M. M.; Bro. William Richards, M. M.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke.—Very Wor. O. G. Copeland, G. S.; Bro. James Robinson, M. M.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa.—Bro. William F. Ratz, E. A.

The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa.—Bro. William Smith, M. M.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior.—Bro. Thomas Stewart, M. M.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark.—Bro. James H. Manahan, M. M.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa.—Wor. Bro. L. M. Davies, P. M.; Bro. J. C. Bower, M. M.; Bro. T. A. Gifford, M. M.; Bro. James Guthrie, M. M.; Bro. W. R. Queale, M. M.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa.—Bro. John H. Hawkshaw, M. M.; Bro. C. W. Kendall, M. M.; Bro. Frederick Rowe, M. M.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa.—Bro. S. Cherry, M. M.; Bro. John Cowan, M. M.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden. — Bro. James Montgomery, M. M.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower.—Bro. Robert C. Acton, M. M.

Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell. — Wor. Bro David Wishart, P. M.

Since writing the foregoing report, the sum of \$213.00 has been forwarded by Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa, as their final contribution to the S. C. B. Fund. This lodge is to be congratulated upon their fine showing.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, has made a further payment of \$11.00, and Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, one of \$17.00 for the same Fund; and both these lodges deserve praise for their exertions in this connection.

My year of office has been an extremely pleasant one in every respect. In assuming it, I was prepared to face a considerable sacrifice of time and attention to the ordinary duties of life, but I found many compensations in the warm welcome which awaited me at every turn and the evident appreciation by the brethren of my efforts in their behalf. I trust that the brethren of Ottawa District have not found their confidence in me misplaced, and I wish to assure them that I fully appreciate the honor of having presided over this fine District, a District of which any Mason may well feel proud.

Fraternally yours,

S. S. DAVIDSON, D. D. G. M.,
Ottawa District, No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Ottawa District No. 16 from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Total No of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	M. M.	F. C.	E. A.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N P. D.	Deceased	Meetings held			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief	No. members 12 mths in arrears	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W M work all degrees	Insurance
														Regular	Emergency	Total									
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	264	21	22	15	23	3	1	5	11	8	19	42	205	40	24	June 24, '08	Excel'nt	Good	Yes	Hall
58	Doric	do	178	5	9	5	3	3	1	3	...	...	...	10	10	30	153	25	43	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	80 00
63	St. John's	Carl'n Pl'ce	157	3	4	4	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	12	11	320	138	00	10	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	1390 00
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	119	7	11	9	7	1	2	13	5	18	26	138	00	10	Dec. 27, '08	Excel'nt	Good	Yes	800 00
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	148	1	4	3	3	2	3	11	1	12	55	225	00	64	Dec. 27, '08	Fair	Good	Yes	1485 00
147	Mississippi	Almonte	86	2	2	2	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	11	11	17	40	00	13	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
148	Civil Serv.	Ottawa	164	16	14	9	9	4	1	10	5	15	9	123	75	10	Dec. 31, '08	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
153	Goodwood	Richm'd W.	89	11	10	8	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	18	10	00	29	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
177	The Build's	Ottawa	212	8	17	14	12	3	2	9	10	7	17	48	169	£0	20	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	Hall
186	Madawaska	Arnprior	109	1	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	5	16	18	...	13	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
203	Evergreen	Lanark	50	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	1	8	10	17	June 24, '08	not good	Fair	Yes	200 00
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	199	11	17	20	23	1	1	2	...	...	...	10	10	20	34	267	65	4	Dec. 27, '08	Bright	Yes	Hall
264	Chaudiere	do	206	16	21	18	20	4	3	3	10	11	21	56	119	90	31	June 22, '08	Good	Good	Yes	Hall
371	Pr of Wales	do	132	4	8	5	5	2	2	10	2	12	33	98	15	Dec. 29, '08	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
433	Bonnechere	Eganville	61	4	8	7	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	...	...	85	00	Jan. 11, '09	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
439	Cobden	Cobden	61	7	9	9	8	1	12	2	14	21	...	9	June 8, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	200 00
465	Carleton	Carp	56	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	11	16	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
476	Corinthian	N. Gower	56	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	21	...	3	Dec. 27, '08	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00
479	Russell	Russell	47	3	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	4	16	20	20	00	Dec. 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the report of this 17th Masonic District for the past year.

My first official duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. Rapsey of Shuniah Lodge, District Secretary, and the Ven. Archdeacon Cooper, District Chaplain. I issued a circular letter to the various lodges in the District, in which I forwarded a copy of the minutes of the District Meeting held at Niagara. I also called their attention to their laxity in not having subscribed to the Semi-Centennial Fund in full.

I made one visit to each of the lodges outside of Ft. William and Port Arthur, and regret that I was unable to make more, but the District is so widespread that it is next to impossible to make more than one visit, as to cover the ground one has to travel nearly one thousand miles. I found Masonry all through the District in a very healthy and flourishing condition. The various lodges, have, with rare exceptions, made steady progress. The lodge rooms are all well equipped, and in several cases, tastefully decorated.

I notice the three lesser lights are placed around the altar in nearly every lodge room, but the position in which they are placed varies, and I would very much like the Grand Lodge to give some authority in this matter, so that all lodges will be uniform.

I may say that all lodges are in good financial standing; in some cases, large amounts to their credit. The arrears of dues are being reduced; in some cases they are far too large. I endeavored to impress upon the officers of the lodges who have large arrears to take some immediate action.

I received a request from the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, to act for him in the dedicating

of Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, October 13th, and was very sorry that my business compelled me to ask him to appoint someone in my place. R. W. Bro. Moore kindly consented to officiate for me, and from reports I have received from Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, I am very pleased to report that the ceremony was carried out in compliance with the rules laid down by Grand Lodge.

It is very gratifying to find that each lodge in the district has a very efficient Secretary, and that the books are well kept.

I started to pay my official visits on the 2nd of March, going first to Golden Star Lodge, at Dryden. Upon arriving there I found that my communication giving the date on which I would be there had been mislaid and no meeting was called. I asked the Secretary, Bro. Reid, and Wor. Bro. Archdeacon Cooper to gather a few of the members together and meet in the lodge room for a little friendly talk on Masonry, where we spent a very pleasant and profitable hour.

My next visit was to the joint meeting of Pequon-ga Lodge, No. 414, and Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, both of Kenora, on March 3rd, and I must not omit to thank the brethren of both these lodges for the great courtesy shown me in calling this joint meeting, which was one of the most successful Masonic gatherings I have ever had the pleasure of attending. There was a very large number of members of both lodges in attendance, and their nice lodge room was taxed to its full capacity. The third degree was exemplified by Wor. Bros. Wilson and Smith, their own officers assisting each Worshipful Master in the part of the degree they were working. This degree was put on in a manner second to none I have ever had the pleasure of seeing. I may say letter-perfect all through, in a most impressive manner, being materially assisted in the musical portion by Bro. Carpenter, organist of Lake of the Woods Lodge. The manner in which the work was conferred could not fail to impress the solemnity of the degree on the candidate. Both these lodges are in a very flourishing condition, both as to members and their financial standing.

My next visit was to Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, on the 4th of March, when Wor. Bro. J. A. Morrison worked the second degree in a very creditable manner. Having no candidate they exemplified the work on a substitute. This lodge is in a very healthy condition, and, financially, in a very enviable position. Their lodge room is well furnished and well equipped.

From Keewatin I proceeded to Rainy River, visiting Ionic Lodge on the evening of the 8th of March. This lodge as well as Fort Francis, being at the extreme end of the district, Ionic Lodge, No. 461, has a very cosy, nicely furnished and well equipped lodge room. Wor. Bro. Redpath conferred the second degree, assisted by his various officers, in a very able manner, great care being exercised in putting on the work.

I visited Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Francis, on the 9th of March, R. W. Bro. Hollands being the Worshipful Master. I need hardly comment on the work done here, as under his guidance it is bound to be well done. The third degree was exemplified by R. Wor. Bro. Hollands and his various officers in a very earnest and thorough manner, perfect harmony prevailing amongst its members, and the lodge is in a very healthy and flourishing condition; also in good financial standing.

I visited Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, on the 6th of April. Wor. Bro. T. N. Andrew conferred the first degree in a very efficient manner. A large attendance of the brethren turned out to receive me. This lodge is, unfortunately, without a home, having had their Masonic building destroyed by fire; but the plan is out for constructing another Temple, which will be a credit to the lodge as well as to the fraternity in general. This is the oldest lodge in the District, and numerically, as well as financially, in a very flourishing condition. It has a large number of Past Masters, and by their turnout on this occasion, it is evident that they are not losing interest in the work of the lodge.

I requested the brethren of Royal Lodge, No. 453, and my own lodge, Fort William, No. 415, to call a joint meeting for the night of the 14th of April, to

be held in our new Masonic Temple building, and it was very gratifying to me to be received by such a number of the brethren from both lodges—over 150 being present. The first degree was exemplified by the Wor. Masters, Wor. Bro. Wells of the Royal Lodge, and Wor. Bro. Taylor of the Fort William Lodge, in a very creditable manner. Both these lodges are in a very healthy condition. It has been my privilege to visit these lodges on several occasions and the work is always well done. Fort William Lodge has a very fine lodge room, well furnished and equipped. They have a large work ahead of them to pay the cost of their building, and it will require the united efforts of every member to put forth their best endeavors to make this a success. The building is a credit to themselves and to Masonry in general.

On June the 24th, Wor. Bro. Quibell of Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, requested me to again visit Dryden and install officers for the ensuing year. It gave me great pleasure to comply with his request, as it afforded me an opportunity of meeting the brethren of Golden Star Lodge. The members gave me a splendid reception. After the business of the evening was concluded they had arranged an "at home." There was a large number of ladies present, and a social and pleasant evening was spent, including a very nice programme of music and reading, cards and also refreshments. The brethren of Golden Star Lodge are to be congratulated upon the manner they do their work, Wor. Bro. Quibell being a very able W. M.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Grim Reaper has again made his call in this District. Bro. Armstrong, E. A., of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Wor. Bro. R. Roberts of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, whose call was very sudden, and Wor. Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Cooper, of Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, of Dryden. The occasion of Bro. Cooper's death was a most sudden one, he being on a well earned holiday and was spending a few hours in my company at Fort William. He was just stepping in the boat to go to Toronto to visit his sons, when he fell dead. The fraternity lost a

good member and the church a most earnest and hard worker. His place will be hard to fill.

In concluding my report, I take this opportunity to thank the brethren for electing me to the very high and honorable position of D. D. G. M., and for the many kindnesses received from each lodge I visited while performing my duties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRED SYMES, D. D. G. M.,
Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table shewing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Mem- bership		Degree's Conf'd		A M. F. C. M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Meet'gs held			Average atten'dce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. months 12 months in arrears	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance	
		Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.							Emergent	Total											
417 Keewatin ...	Keewatin ...	69	51	5	5	4	1	0	2	6	14	216	17	15	00	12	175	35	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	2500 00	
446 Granite ...	Ft. Francis ...	70	2	6	5	5	1	0	2	1	113	417	22	10	00	4	79	50	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	800 00	
484 Golden St'r	Dryden ...	70	19	25	25	20	...	5	5	...	1	14	418	16	42	00	6	110	65	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	700 00
415 Ft. William	Ft. William	165	6	9	13	11	4	2	2	5	214	822	51	76	50	44	576	25	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	1500 00	
453 Royal ...	do	103	14	1	10	12	6	4	1	1	12	517	19	10	00	10	111	10	June	'08	Bright v'y good	Yes	900 00	
287 Shuniah ...	Pt. Arthur...	206	21	5	20	8	15	1	1	1	313	518	22	...	...	108	831	89	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	200 00
461 Ionic ...	Rainy Rv'r.	79	8	2	8	9	9	2	...	...	14	4	18	21	...	9	273	00	June	'08	Good	Yes	400 00
414 Pequonga ...	Kenora ...	163	31	30	34	32	1	2	2	...	214	12	26	27	...	6	229	40	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	1050 00	
445 L of Woods	do	49	4	1	3	4	1	1	1	...	12	1	13	10	...	11	396	30	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes		

Number of Lodge

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO 18.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District, No. 18.

Before entering upon the details of my report I wish to express to the brethren my sincere thanks, for electing me to this high and honorable office; one which I had scarcely dared hope to attain to, and one which I accepted with fear and trembling; but, thanks to the encouragement given, and the kind offices performed on every hand, together with the splendid condition of Masonry generally throughout the District, I found the pleasure and ease of my duties to transcend my most sanguine hopes or expectations.

For the consideration, sympathy and encouragement afforded me, I return to the brethren my most sincere thanks.

I made seventeen official visits during my tenure of office. After each one the customary banquet was prepared. I should like to comment on these individually, some in particular, because I do and shall cherish most pleasant memories of these joyous occasions. But, with a view to shortening my report, I shall make no further mention of any of these gatherings.

For these demonstrations and for many other offices of hospitality, I owe the lodges and individuals a debt of gratitude.

Harmony reigns in each and every lodge throughout the District. All are housed in comfortable quarters, indeed, many of the lodge rooms are luxuriously furnished.

The dues are generally well paid up, and I am proud to report that subscriptions to the S. C. B. Fund are overpaid, due to the fact that Nickel and

Gore Bay Lodges over paid, and Haileybury and Penewobikong Lodges had made voluntary subscriptions. There is one lodge, and perhaps two, who still owe small amounts, but they have promised to pay and probably may, before the presentation of this report.

I appointed Wor. Bro. W. I. Johnston, of Nipissing Lodge, District Secretary, and Wor. Bro. Byrnes of Silver Lodge, District Chaplain. Because of Rev. Bro. Byrnes' illness, he could not accompany me on all occasions when required, but when well, if needed, he was with me. Wor. Bro. Johnston, as District Secretary, relieved me of much of the clerical work, and his services were much appreciated.

Owing to the fact that my predecessor had held three Lodges of Instruction during his term, I thought it wise to hold none this year. I had each lodge open and close in the three degrees, and in most instances this was done to my entire satisfaction. When required, I made the necessary correction.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

According to the tabulated reports received from the lodges since June 24th, I learn that there have been a number of deaths which have not been reported to me. I regret that some of the Secretaries have not reported these as they should, and consequently I cannot give the names of more than three.

CONSTITUTIONS AND CONSECRATIONS.

I had the pleasure of being present with the M. W., the Grand Master, who constituted and consecrated Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, on September 3rd, 1908, and on the following evening at a similar function at Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt.

At each of these, assisted by the M. W., the Grand Master, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Hoodless, I installed the officers. The attendance was large on each occasion, and the members enthusiastic. The Grand Master's presence at these meetings, with his wise counsel and able address, proved to be a stimulant for these new lodges, and he left with them much wholesome food for thought and matter for reflection.

DEDICATIONS..

At the request of M. W. the Grand Master, I acted for him at three dedication ceremonies, viz.:

Assisted by a number of distinguished brethren I dedicated the new rooms of Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, on the afternoon of February 22nd. Thanks to the kindness of Bro. George Spencer, C. P. R. Division Superintendent, 22 of the brethren of Nipissing Lodge, North Bay, were given the privilege of a special car, and accompanied me on this occasion, rendering valuable assistance in the performance of the ceremony. I arranged with a number of the brethren to have them memorize the different parts, and this was accountable for the clock-like precision and delightful manner in which this beautiful ceremony was performed.

On April 15th, I had the pleasure of dedicating the rooms of Haileybury Lodge, No. 485. On this occasion I was assisted by a number of Past Masters and other brethren from New Liskeard, Cobalt, North Bay, and other points. The lodge was beautifully decorated with flowers and each brother wore a carnation. An attendance of 75 proved that the brethren of Haileybury appreciated the importance of the occasion.

On the afternoon of April 16th, assisted by a large number of brethren from Haileybury, New Liskeard, North Bay and other points I dedicated the rooms of Silver Lodge, No. 486 at Cobalt. A number of those who assisted in the ceremony at Haileybury the day previous came with me, and by reason of their experience were able to render valuable assistance.

VISITS.

Penewobikong Lodge, U. D., Blind River.—I visited this youngest lodge in the District on February 8th, 1909, meeting regular, attendance 35, work of the evening first degree, which was well exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. White, his Warden and officers. In Bro. O. H. Hewitt, as S. W., the W. M. has a trump. It was very gratifying to see this lodge, eleven months old, doing their work as well in every respect as many of the older lodges. The Junior Warden's lecture was well delivered; the J. D. gave the charge. The floor work was beautifully done, and the books are well kept. The fraternal spirit is very pronounced. I feel confident that Grand Lodge will make no mistake in granting a warrant to these

brethren. The lodge room is comfortable, though small, the furniture good.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa.—I visited this lodge, February 2nd, 1909. Attendance 23, which number I was informed comprised all the Masons in town that night. Work of the evening first and second degrees, which, although the Worshipful Master was present, were conferred by a P. M., W. Bro. Dinwoodie, who is a splendid officer. The Wardens had their work up well, both lectures being well given.

I regret very much that I was unable to be present at the 25th anniversary celebration of this lodge, which took place on June 11th, 1909. The occasion was graced by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master; also Rt. Wor. Bro. Hoodless, and others. I visited this lodge again on June 24th, and assisted by Wor. Bros. Ross, Dinwoodie and Bell, installed the officers. The lodge room has been gone over, recarpeted, painted and refurnished throughout, and they now have very neat quarters. The books are well and neatly kept.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste Marie.—Visited this lodge February 9th, 1909. Meeting emergent. Owing to a fierce snow storm my train was late and I did not arrive until 9.00 p. m. In spite of the blizzard, I found a splendid meeting awaiting me. The work of the evening was a first degree. Wor. Bro. Sexsmith, and his officers, although it was the first work attempted after their instalation, did the work in a praise-worthy manner. The J. W. lecture was perfect, and I have yet to see the Junior Deacon's work done better. The lodge room, ante rooms, reading room, banquet hall, etc, which are shared by the sister lodge, Algoma, are furnished in exquisite taste, and are the largest, handsomest and best equipped in the district. A wise feature observed in this lodge is the practice of withholding the apron till the candidate passes an examination on the third degree work. The east was lined from north to south with Past Masters, and each was given an opportunity to assist in the work, and thereby each proved himself worthy of his rank. The books are in model shape.

Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste Marie.—Visited this lodge February 10th. Meeting regular. Here it was a pleasure to witness the manner in which the W. M. despatched the business of the lodge. The work of the evening was a third degree. This was the first work attempted by the officers after their installation, and it was faultlessly done. Wor. Bro. Rowland has a gift of voice and delivery which anyone might envy. The Wardens, and subordinate officers were well drilled and their every move pleased me. I was practically unable to find a point in the work, upon which I could offer a suggestion for improvement, and instead, I left a few questions for the brethren to ponder.

In the afternoon subsequent to my visit to Keystone lodge and prior to my meeting with Algoma, I was escorted by three Past Masters to the Locks and many other points of interest about this beautiful and historic town. Through the hospitality of Bro. Lewis we were privileged to view the steel plant, which was most interesting, and could I have remained longer they would have been pleased to show me the dry dock.

Dymont Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon.—February 12th, meeting regular, attendance 19. V. W. Bro. Nichols of the Soo, accompanied me on this visit. This was the first meeting after the installation of the officers. There was no candidate and the brethren were good enough to exemplify the second degree. The work was well done, considering that some of the officers were absent. The W. M. works well and the Senior Warden's lecture was well given. This lodge's weak spot is along the side benches. Unfortunately the Secretary was called from town, and the books were behind, but I was assured that this would be in good shape soon. The subscription to the S. C. B. F. was about \$60.00 behind, but I believe that this will be almost subscribed before this report goes in. From the enthusiasm and interest displayed, and the interest taken by the Past Masters, I bespeak a bright future for this lodge.

Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard.—February 18th. Meeting regular; attendance 40. Work of the evening first degree, which was beauti-

fully exemplified by W. Bro. C. B. Taylor and his officers, assisted by a good strong line up of Past Masters. The J. W. lecture was well given and the floor work was well done. The books were in good shape. These brethren own their own premises, which includes the two flats, a large assembly hall with kitchen, etc., down stairs and a splendid lodge room upstairs. They owe a small amount on this. The S. C. B. F. was fully paid and the Past Masters active. Fraternal side pronounced. The matter of jurisdiction over the Elk Lake and Gowganda District was taken up, and as the distance is so nearly uniform between New Liskeard, Haileybury, and Cobalt, and these points, I think it would be wise for the time being, if possible, to allow these lodges concurrent jurisdiction over the above mentioned districts.

Haileybury Lodge, No. 485.—Visited this lodge February 19th, 1909. Meeting emergent; attendance 55; work of the evening, first degree. W. Bro. McCaulay with his staff of officers, did the work to my entire satisfaction. The W. M., in spite of his ill-health, has been most faithful, ever working for the welfare and interests of Haileybury Lodge. The Warden's work was splendid. The J. D. delivered the charge to the candidate in a perfect manner, and I praised his work as it deserved. The books are well kept. The quarters are commodious and luxurious, much of the furniture and fittings being gifts to the lodge by its members.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447.—Visited this lodge February 22nd; meeting emergent; work of the evening first degree. Wor. Bro. Smith and officers did their work well. J. W. lecture was well delivered and the floor work fair. These brethren are now located in their new lodge room, which is large and comfortable. This lodge is doing well, in spite of the fact that the town has been quiet, incidental to the temporary closing of the pulp mill. I regret very much that I was unable to attend the "At Home" given by this lodge a few weeks' later.

Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt.—Visited this lodge April 16th, 1909. Meeting emergent; work third degree. In this lodge of less than two years' existence I was greeted by a cosmopolitan assembly of 90

brethren. They were from many countries. This wonderful silver district at and about Cobalt has attracted Masons from every division of the globe. Wor. Bro. Byrnes, though he suffered a long illness this year, shows a big report of heavy work done. He is an ardent Masonic worker and his rendition of the third degree was very impressive. His Wardens and other officers have their work up well. The books are in good shape. The new quarters are comfortable and attractive and a vast improvement on the old lodge room. In this town, Grand Lodge possesses a gem in a silver setting.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay.—Visited this, my mother lodge, on May 27th, 1909. Meeting emergent; work the first degree. Wor. Bro. W. I. Johnston, with his splendid staff of officers conferred the first degree to my entire satisfaction. The J. W. lecture was perfect, as was the floor work. I visited this lodge several times during the year and can report it in a most satisfactory condition. The regular attendance is good, the work heavy. This lodge owed \$148.00 to the S. C. B. F. I strongly urged the payment of this amount, and am pleased to report that it has been paid. The books are in model shape. This lodge insists on the candidate passing an examination in the third degree before presenting the certificate.

Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current.—June 1st, 1909. Meeting regular. The first degree was impressively exemplified by W. Bro. Ellenton, assisted by W. Bro. Wallace and officers. Both Past Masters deserve praise for their work, and the subordinate officers too had their work well in hand. I was delighted with the attractive and artistic quarters which these brethren occupy. The lodge is in good financial shape, and the books are beautifully kept.

Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472.—Gore Bay, June 2nd. Wor. Bro. Cooper and his officers conferred the second degree on two splendid candidates. I was pleased with the W. M's. and other officers' work. I enjoyed the degree more because it was the second time on my official visits that I had an opportunity of witnessing the second degree. S. W. lecture was well given, and the floor work was well done. This lodge deserves great credit for the way in which it

has survived its misfortunes of a year ago, when they were burned out. The books are well kept. S. C. B. F. overpaid.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury.—Meeting emergent. The night was very warm but in spite of the oppressive heat I was surprised to find the seating capacity of this beautiful lodge room taxed to the limit. Here I had the peculiar pleasure of meeting my friend of Auld Lang Syne, W. Bro. Geo. Montgomery in the chair. The work of the evening was a first degree. The J. W. Lecture was all that could be desired. This lodge possesses a splendid guard of Past D. D. G. Ms, and Past Masters, who are most attentive to their Masonic duties.

The S. C. B. F. is fully paid, and the books are well kept.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. C. RORABECK,
D. D. G. M. 18th Masonic District.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

No of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Mem- bership		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	A filiations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief	No. members in arrears	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year										Decrease during year	Regular	Em- pment										Total
405	Mattawa...	Mattawa...	92	5	8	8	7	2	1	1	...	...	...	314	216	14	109 00	...	37	109 00	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	600 00
412	Keystone...	S. St. Marie	262	8	9	11	11	7	1	3	3	...	...	313	24	37	140 00	116 00	3	140 00	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	1600 00
420	Nipissing...	North Bay	162	5	4	24	27	2	4	5	...	...	...	14	15	29	407 50	108 00	44	407 50	June	'09	Good	Yes	1000 00
427	Nickel...	Sudbury...	160	7	9	13	9	1	...	9	6	...	...	213	5	18	26 50	201 90	8	26 50	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	11'9 00
447	Stur. Falls...	Stur. Falls	58	3	1	6	6	...	...	3	4	...	...	11	12	23	...	6 00	...	...	Dec.	1908	Fair	Yes	500 00
455	Doric...	L. Current	78	4	8	6	7	...	...	3	...	...	...	111	4	15	46 00	5 00	10	46 00	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	1000 00
442	Dymont...	Thessalon	88	...	2	6	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	12	1	13	214 75	...	12	214 75	Dec.	'08	Fair	Yes	300 00
462	Temiskm'g...	N. Lisheard	123	18	15	9	10	6	...	4	...	...	...	13	15	28	200 00	39 65	24	200 00	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	2500 00
469	Alogma...	S. St. Marie	98	16	13	9	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	12	11	23	77 50	80 00	17	77 50	Jan.	'09	Good	Yes	100 00
472	Gore Bay...	Gore Bay	18	4	7	6	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	112	2	14	9 00	...	2	9 00	Dec.	'08	Fair	Yes	1600 00
485	Haileybury...	Haileybury...	96	27	24	22	56	8	...	4	...	...	...	113	20	33	42 50	...	2	42 50	June	'08	Good	Yes	500 00
486	Silver...	Cobalt...	77	31	18	18	17	13	...	...	...	...	...	114	20	34	...	...	...	...	Dec.	'09	Sound	Yes	500 00
UD	Peniwook'g.	Blind Riv'r...	44	3	13	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	112	11	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec.	'08	Good	Yes	.....

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district. I must first express my gratitude to the brethren for having elected me to fill the important and responsible position of D. D. G. M. and also to express to them my appreciation for the kindness and courtesy shown me generally as the representative of the Grand Master throughout the district. At all times I was received and entertained as befitting the position. Being so honored I determined that no effort on my part should be wanting to perform the duties of my office in as satisfactory a manner as circumstances and my ability would permit.

W. Bro. A. W. Freeland, of Algonquin Lodge, kindly consented to act as District Secretary, and to him I am particularly indebted for much assistance. He was at all times most willing to meet all the requirements of that position.

The greatest of harmony prevails throughout the district. The officers of the different lodges deserve great praise for the manner in which they do their work. Some lodges are handicapped by their members living so far away.

I urged the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund on my official visits. I found some lodges have subscribed their full quota. The lodges throughout the district are in good financial standing, with but one exception, and that through misfortune from fire.

DEATHS.

During the year I received notice of the death of Bro. John S. Scarlett of Powassan Lodge, No. 443, Powassan.

I visited Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge, on April 6, at their regular meeting. The first de-

gree was exemplified by the W. M. in a very creditable manner. The J. W. did his work letter-perfect; this is a strong lodge, and in a position to do good work. This lodge has not done anything towards the Semi-Centennial Fund, but I think their hearts are softening, which I hope and trust will soon bear fruit. The books are well kept and clean. The lodge is in a prosperous condition.

I visited Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, at their regular meeting, on April 12. The first and third degrees were exemplified. The W. M. certainly did great credit to himself, and the floor work was done in such a uniform manner that it was a pleasure to see the work done. This lodge is up-to-date in every respect. It has a beautiful room and well furnished. The books are well kept and the members attend very regularly.

I visited Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville, on April 14. The third degree was exemplified. The work was certainly done well by the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Grant; also the floor work was well done. This lodge has the reputation of doing their work well. There was a good attendance. They have a beautiful lodge room. The books are neatly kept and the financial standing good.

I visited Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge, at their regular meeting, April 19th. There was a small attendance of members that evening, on account of bad roads, and the distance some of the members have to travel. The first degree was exemplified by the W. M., which was very well done, and also the floor work. This lodge is in a prosperous condition. They have paid up their S. C. B. F. assessment in full. The books are well kept; the financial standing good.

I visited Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound, at their regular meeting, April 21. The first and third degrees were exemplified by the W. M., assisted by the I. P. M., V. W. Bro. Foot, in a manner seldom, if ever, excelled. R. W. Bro. Knifton took the work in the third. His long training was shown to perfection. This lodge is handsome in appearance, large and well furnished. They have the advantage of most lodges in the district. They are also the wealthiest in the district. The books are well kept.

After the lodge closed an enjoyable evening was spent when everyone was sorry to part.

I visited Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, at their regular meeting on May 3rd. There was no work on that evening, but it was well spent. Some very fine remarks concerning the lodge, its officers and its government. They have been up against hard luck, but with untiring effort they are certainly coming out all right. Credit is due their Secretary for the way in which he looks after the different things concerning the lodge. They are getting it well furnished. The books are neatly kept.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale.—This is my own lodge. I am seldom absent from the lodge at its regular meetings. The members, some of them, have long distances to travel but I am glad to state that things are looking better; at the last meeting they voted enough money out of the lodge funds to pay up the Semi-Centennial assessment. As we have now commenced to improve, we hope to keep on.

I visited Powassan Lodge, No. 443, at their regular meeting May 14. The W. M. being absent, W. Bro. Carmichael took the chair. The second degree was exemplified, which was a credit to himself and the lodge. They have a beautiful room. Their meetings are well attended. After the lodge a very enjoyable time was spent.

I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully and to the best of my ability, and, if I have left anything undone, I trust the brethren will charge it to my inexperience, rather than to carelessness or neglect.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAS. H. METCALFE,
D. D. G. M. Muskoka District, No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Muskoka District, No. 19, from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1909

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location
	Total N. of all Mem.	Increase during year
	Mem- bership	Degree's Conf'd
	E. A.	F. C.
	M. M.	Affiliations
	Restorations	Restorations
	Resignations	Suspensions, N.P.D.
	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased
	Regular	Emergent
	Meet'gs held	Average attendance of members
	Amount paid for relief	No. mem'rs 12 m'ths in arrears
	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return
	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge
	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
3360 Muskoka ...	Braceb'dge...	69 7 5 5 1 2 ...
409 Gold Rule...	Gravenh'tst...	84 8 10 8 8 1 4 ...
376 Unity ...	Huntsville...	108 5 8 5 4 4 ...
425 Strong ...	Sundridge ...	70 1 2 2 2 ...
454 Corona ...	B'ks. Falls...	53 3 3 3 3 3 ...
434 Algonquin ...	Elmsdale ...	73 8 11 6 7 3 ...
443 Powassan ...	Powassan...	67 7 5 8 8 6 ...
522 Granite ...	Pr. Sound ...	Not reported

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In completion of my duties as D. D. G. M. for Otonabee District No. 20, I beg to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in this District for the year ending June 30th, 1909.

At the outset I desire to record my high appreciation of the signal honor conferred upon one so young in years in my election by the brethren of this District to the highest gift in their power, and I also wish to return thanks for the universal courtesy and kindness extended to me on every hand by the officers and members of the various lodges during my tenure of office. I fully realized the great responsibility attaching to the position, and in view of my youth and consequent inexperience, I accepted the office with many misgivings; but the hearty support so generously accorded to me by my seniors in the craft served to partially palliate my shortcomings in these respects.

Masonry in Otonabee District has to a certain extent been rejuvenated during the past year. Not since the district was organized some six years ago had a lodge of Instruction been held in this jurisdiction, and to resuscitate a landmark, so essential to uniformity, required considerable effort. Through the hearty co-operation and valuable assistance of the Peterboro brethren, a most successful Lodge of Instruction was held in that city on November 25th, 1908. A special train was chartered for the convenience of the brethren from the south, and the result was a large and thoroughly representative attendance from the entire district, over 350 members of the craft being present.

The lodge was opened in the first degree by W. Bro. T. F. Matthews and officers of "Corinthian"

Lodge, No. 101, of Peterboro at 3 p. m. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. B. W. Squires and officers of Norwood Lodge, No. 223 of Norwood. W. Bro. J. Howard McMurtry and officers of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31 conferred a second degree, after which the lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7.30 p. m. At the evening session the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. T. F. Matthews and officers of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, and W. Bro. E. E. Lord and officers of Peterboro Lodge, No. 155, of Peterboro, jointly. A discussion and criticism of the work followed at the conclusion of each degree. Luncheon was served by the Peterboro lodges to the visiting brethren after adjournment.

The work exemplified was of high calibre, reflecting great credit alike upon the participating lodges and the district, and criticism was, indeed, difficult. The discussion which followed each degree proved highly beneficial and instructive to those present. The results of the lodge of Instruction have been most gratifying as more uniformity in the work of the lodges has been apparent.

Aside from the high quality of the ritualistic work, the exemplification of the examination of visitors by R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey and W. Bro. G. I. Roszel and a fifteen minute paper on "Masonic Symbolism," by W. Bro. H. R. H. Kenner, of Peterboro, were distinctively enjoyable and instructive features of the evening. The point made in the former was that in examinations of visitors, the initiative should be thrown upon the visitor. W. Bro. Kenner's paper was an intellectual treat, and served as the basis for an appeal by the D. D. G. M. to the various lodges to encourage Masonic instruction of this nature. The response has been most gratifying, for several lodges in the district have taken the matter up, and in every instance success has followed the effort. It is to be hoped that other lodges of the district will introduce this feature at an early date. To be a truly 'bright Mason' is to be far more than an expert ritualist. It involves a historical and philosophical knowledge of the symbols, forms and ceremonies of the fraternity. Many of us see only the forms, and never seek to discern what they symbolize.

The thanks of the District are hereby tendered to the Peterboro brethren for their invaluable assistance and generous hospitality, in connection with the lodges of Instruction. Personally, I am particularly indebted to W. Bro. T. F. Matthews and R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, of Peterboro, for their special activity in this connection. The Masters and Officers of the various lodges throughout the district also gave their hearty support in organizing the affair, and to one and all I would record my hearty appreciation, particularly to W. Bro. B. W. Squires of Norwood Lodge, No. 223, and to W. Bro. J. Howard McMurty of Jerusalem Lodge No. 31.

The practice of holding an annual lodge of instruction, thus resuscitated, will, I trust, not be allowed to drop, to the end that more uniformity in the work will ensue and that the district may become more of a homogeneous body. I have also advocated the more frequent interchange of fraternal visits between the lodges of the district as a further means towards that desideratum.

It has been my constant aim during the course of my visitations to suppress levity in the work of the lodges and to impress the junior officers with the importance of their work. The first impression which the neophyte obtains of Masonry he receives in the preparation room, and there is no place in the whole course of his initiation where the responsibility of Masons for the influence they exert upon the estimate of the institution and the future of the candidate is greater. I have endeavored to impress them with the fact that a dignified reception of the candidate by the junior officers, accompanied by such needed information with regard to the nature and objects of the approaching ceremonies as may properly be given, and as the candidate naturally desires, would go far towards impressing him with a just estimate of the solemnity and importance of the service in which he is about to engage.

I have also urged that a candidate be not advanced from one degree to another without proving his proficiency in the former degree. I have found that candidates undergo examination in the first and sec-

ond degrees, but with the exception of a few lodges, no examination is given in the work of the third.

That the P. M's. charge should be memorized I have also urged. In some lodges the delivery of these impressive charges has become altogether obsolete; whilst in others they are read to the candidates.

It affords me pleasure to report that Otonabee District No. 20, stands high on the honor roll for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and that the few delinquent lodges have made an effort to improve their standing in this respect.

Harmony prevailed throughout the district during the year, and the lodges have shown a satisfactory increase numerically, although the hand of death has removed some respected landmarks.

On June 4th, 1909, I had the pleasure of dedicating the new rooms of Lorne Lodge, No. 375, and on July 9th, 1909, I was present at the laying of the corner stone of All Saints' Anglican church in Peterboro by His Honor, Judge Harding, P. G. M.

I visited every lodge in the District at least once during the year, and the unfailing courtesy and fraternal reception that I received on the occasion of those visits will ever be cherished in my memory as a source of pleasure and gratification.

Desiring to be in close personal touch with the different lodges, I did not appoint a District Secretary, but attended to the correspondence myself. The organization of the lodge of Instruction involved considerable work, and I find that during the course of the period I have written 215 letters.

In concluding my report with the following summarized record of visitations, I wish to thank the various secretaries for their promptness and courtesy during the year, and I have also to thank the many brethren who so kindly accompanied me on my visits, especially R. W. Bro. W. Miller of Peterboro.

VISITATIONS.

Hope Lodge, No. 114.—The first visit of the term was to my sister lodge in Port Hope, on October 2nd, 1908, upon which occasion I was given an enthusiastic reception by a crowded lodge room of warm-hearted friends whose fraternal kindness to me I shall ever cherish. Hope Lodge is enjoying a happy era of pros-

perity due alike to the enthusiasm and capability of its officers and the loyalty of its members. The second and third degrees were conferred in a faultless manner, for my inspection, by the W. M., W. Bro. Jas. Leach, and an able array of P. Ms, respectively. His predecessor in office, W. Bro. H. C. Bailey, met with marked success in the chair, and W. Bro. Leach continued the work with equal success and with great credit to himself. The present incumbent of the chair, W. Bro. J. McMahon, is following in the footsteps of his worthy predecessors, and although I have not made an official inspection under his regime, I know him to be well skilled in the craft, and I am also aware that the lodge is enjoying continued prosperity under his rule. An elaborate fourth degree had been arranged in honor of my visit, and an enjoyable toast list followed a sumptuous repast in the cosy banquet rooms. One of the pillars of Hope Lodge is the efficient Secretary, W. Bro. Thomas H. Bell, who has earned an enviable reputation with his well-kept books and small outstanding dues, both of which are in striking contrast with conditions prevailing when he assumed the office. The resident P. Ms of the lodge continue to take an active interest in its affairs, and proportionate to membership Hope Lodge holds the record of the district for attendance of its membership.

Peterboro Lodge, No. 155.—My official visit to this, the largest lodge in the district, with its 226 members, was made on October 30th, 1908, in company with W. Bro. James Leach, of Port Hope. The E. A. degree was conferred in a faultless manner by the W. M., W. Bro. E. E. Lord, and officers of the lodge. The floor work was particularly well done. The W. M. was ably supported in the East by a strong array of P. Ms and there was a large turnout of members. The finances are in excellent condition, and the lodge is making steady progress. The lodge is, indeed, fortunate in possessing such a zealous and efficient Secretary as R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, whose activity is not confined to that particular office, but permeates throughout every department of the lodge's work. The P. Ms of this lodge are a tower of strength to any Master, and their interest continues unabated.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223.—I visited this lodge on 16th November, 1908, and had the pleasure of witnessing the exemplification of the second and third degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. B. W. Squire, who did his work in a very satisfactory and impressive manner, and who was supported by efficient officers. The regular officers of the lodge conferred the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction in Peterboro on 25th of November, and acquitted themselves most creditably. W. Bro. Dr. S. P. Ford is an active worker in Norwood lodge as is also V. W. Bro. J. B. Pearce. During the year the lodge mourned the loss of two deceased brethren, W. Bro. W. E. Roxburgh and Bro. W. J. McMillan, who were laid to rest with Masonic honors.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101.—My attendance in Peterboro on 25th November, 1908, nominally constituted my official visit to this lodge, the officers of which, assisted by those of Peterboro Lodge, No. 155, conferred the third degree in such a perfect manner on the occasion mentioned. W. Bro. T. F. Matthews proved himself to be a most efficient and successful Master and a zealous Mason. I have not had the pleasure of visiting the lodge since W. Bro. Morrow assumed the chair, but the excellence of his work in the West gave promise of creditable work in the East. The lodge has made steady growth during the past year, and the financial condition is good. This lodge also is fortunate in possessing such a large number of active Past Masters. I have found Secretary F. D. Kerr most attentive to his duties, and his books are neatly kept.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31.—My official visit to this lodge was made on December 2nd, 1908, when I was accompanied by a number of Port Hope brethren. The exemplification of the second degree by W. Bro. J. Howard McMurty and his officers left nothing to be desired. The teachings of the degree were most impressively conveyed, and every detail of ritual was carefully observed. The P. M's. charge was delivered to the candidate by W. Bro. Dr. Bonneycastle, whose zeal for Masonry continues unabated. I was disappointed in not meeting R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, K. C., who was unavoidably absent. The present occu-

pant of the chair, W. Bro. Frank Kydd, is an expert ritualist. W. Bro. Moorcraft is an ideal Secretary, and I found the finances of the lodge in a healthy condition.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145.—I visited this lodge in company with some Port Hope brethren on December 3rd, 1908, which was the night for election of officers. As the candidate did not materialize, the W. M., W. Bro. G. E. Burnham, opened and closed in the three degrees in a satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Charles Thorndyke was elected to the chair, and from my knowledge of his former work and zeal for Masonry, I know that he will acquit himself creditably in the East. The lodge has a strong list of P. Ms, including R. W. Bro. A. A. Smith, but many of the members reside at some distance. I found W. Bro. Hampton's books in good order, the finances of the lodge sound, and prospects for the ensuing year bright.

Havelock, Lodge, No. 435.—In company with Bros. K. Gillies and T. Walker of Port Hope, I visited this lodge on January 1st, 1909, and witnessed the conferring of the second degree by the W. M., W. Bro. Wilmot Herrington, whose brother Chas. E. Herrington, passed away a few hours after the meeting was over and received Masonic burial on January 4th. W. Bro. Wilmot Herrington was moved from Havelock to Toronto Junction shortly after assuming the chair, but notwithstanding this faithfully served his lodge as Master during the remainder of the term at considerable sacrifice. This is a whole-hearted lodge of enthusiastic Masons, and as evidence of its activity it may be mentioned that during the past year there were thirty-one degrees conferred at twelve meetings. In glancing over the minutes I found that in some instances where a number of degrees had been conferred in one night, work had proceeded until well unto the daylight hour. Installation of officers was to have taken place upon the occasion of my visit, but owing to the resignation of the Master-elect, it had to be deferred until a subsequent date. The energetic secretary, Ward Patterson, is an efficient officer, and has everything appertaining to the finances and records of the lodge in good shape.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375.—I was accompanied on my official visit to this lodge on February 1st, 1909, by R. W. Bro. William Miller, of Peterboro, who is a life member of the lodge and its mainstay for over thirty years. The W. M., W. Bro. J. A. Thompson, gave ample evidence of his proficiency in the passing of a candidate, and he also opened and closed in the third in proper form. The lodge is just emerging from a critical condition due to the destruction of the old lodge room by fire. It has also been financially hampered through its former Life Membership By-law, which upon my advice was amended. New and commodious apartments have been secured, and on Friday, June 4th, 1909, at 3 p. m., an especial communication of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of dedicating the same. By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master I was called upon to perform the ceremony, in which I was assisted by W. Bro. R. A. Mulholland of Port Hope, as Grand Director of Ceremonies. R. W. Bro. W. Miller was present also on this occasion, and was accompanied by W. Bro. T. F. Matthews, W. Bro. Bradburn, and W. Bro. W. G. Morrow, of Peterboro.

Ontario, No. 26.—I visited this my mother lodge on 19th March, 1909, and was given a most cordial reception, indeed. The W. M., W. Bro. R. W. Smart, exemplified the first degree in a highly creditable manner. He is supported by an exceptionally capable set of officers. I predict a most successful year for Ontario Lodge under W. Bro. Smart's regime. R. W. Bro. Evans still takes an active interest in the affairs of the lodge of which he is the treasurer, and the books of the secretary, R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, are a model of perfection.

Durham Lodge, No. 66.—My visit to this lodge was on 18th May, 1909, when I was accompanied by a large number of the craft from Port Hope lodges. There being no candidate, W. Bro. W. H. Gibson exemplified a first degree upon a substitute for inspection, and I was well pleased with his work. The lodge room has been considerably improved, and everything points to a successful year. W. Bro. W. J. McLeod, the energetic Secretary, is an enthusiastic

Mason, and looks well to his office. W. Bro. Dr. Farncomb still takes an active interest in lodge work.

Orono Lodge, No. 325.—I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on May 27th, 1909, and installed the officers for the ensuing term. There was an exceptionally large turnout to greet me, including a contingent from Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, of Bowmanville, with W. Bro. Frank Kydd and W. Bro. Dr. Bonnycastle in command. W. Bro. S. Cuttle is again in the chair after a few years' rest, and the lodge is looking forward to a prosperous year. W. Bro. Thomas Smith is again in the harness as secretary, and I found his books neatly and accurately kept. A thoroughly enjoyable smoker and lunch was given at the close of the evening's work.

Keene Lodge, No. 374.—Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Miller of Peterboro, I visited this lodge on May 25th, 1909. Its ranks have been seriously depleted through the removal of many of its members to other places. No degrees have been conferred during the year, and owing to the apparent lack of material, the prospects are not bright. W. Bros. R. J. McCamus and James McNeil are still prominently identified with the lodge.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313.—Accompanied by several Peterboro brethren, I visited this lodge on June 1st, 1909, and was most cordially received. The lodge room was crowded and there was every evidence of a live and prosperous lodge. Two F. Cs were raised to the Sublime Degree by the W. M., W. Bro. Bygott, who fully sustained the high reputation the lodge has hitherto enjoyed for good work. The other officers of the lodge also did their work exceedingly well, and I was much impressed with the strong array of talent supporting the W. M. in the East. Such active interest on the part of the P. Ms is a sure token of successful work. I was entertained at a banquet after the work was over, after which followed an enjoyable toast list. The lodge has a model Secretary in Bro. O. A. Langley, whose books are exceedingly neatly kept and whose prompt collection of dues has eliminated all outstandings.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. H. C. LONG, D. D. G. M.,
Otonabee District, No. 20.

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO 21.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.
M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of submitting for your consideration a report on the condition of Masonry in Eastern District, No. 21 for the past year. I wish to express my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by electing me District Deputy Grand Master of this young and progressive District, and also of the invaluable assistance given me in carrying out my work in the District by our P. D. D. G. M., Rt. Wor. Bro. John Smith.

In accordance with the power vested in my office, I had the happiness of appointing Bro. Rev. A. E. Hagar, B. A., of Morewood, as District Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Fred Warren of Wales Lodge, No. 458, as District Secretary.

On Thursday, March 25th, 1909, I had the honor by direction of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, of instituting a new lodge at Cardinal, in the County of Grenville, to be known as Cardinal Lodge.

I was assisted in the ceremony of instituting this new lodge by officers and members of Central Lodge, Prescott; Friendly Brothers' Lodge, Iroquois, and Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480. After the usual ceremonies of institution had been completed and the officers placed in their respective chairs, they opened the lodge in the second and third degrees, and closed in the same in an almost faultless manner. This lodge is particularly fortunate in having as its first presiding officer a P. D. D. G. M.—Rt. Wor. Bro. John F. Graham. There were nineteen charter members, and four applications for initiation were received on the night of institution. Everything points to this becoming one of the many prosperous lodges in this part of the country. There are now fifteen warranted lodges and one under dispensation in the District. I

have visited every lodge once and some of them twice and three times.

I consider that the condition of Masonry in this District is all that could be desired, that the work all over the District is uniformly well done, and that the greatest care is exercised as to the kind of men admitted into the craft, so that we have in our Order the cream of the manhood of the District.

Friendly Brothers' Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois. — My first official visit was made to Friendly Brothers' Lodge on the evening of May 12th, 1909, an emergent meeting being called for that purpose. There was a full attendance of officers and members and a number of visitors present. There being no degree work, the officers opened and closed in the second and third degrees in a very creditable manner. The finances of the lodge are well looked after, and the books of the Secretary, Bro. A. B. Carman, are kept in a faultless manner. This lodge has undertaken to pay the balance of its quota to the S. C. B. Fund during this and next year.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg.—On my arrival in Morrisburg on May 28th, for my visit to Excelsior Lodge, I was met at the railway station by Wor. Bro. Dr. Gorrell. This was the night for their regular meeting and a large number was in attendance. This lodge meets in large and well furnished rooms and very home-like indeed. The officers are a well selected lot of enthusiastic, painstaking Masons who do their work exceedingly well. This no doubt accounts for the very prosperous and progressive standing of Excelsior Lodge.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186.—My official visit to this lodge was on Monday, May 31st, 1909. Rt. Wor. Bro. John Smith met me at the train. This lodge, though the smallest in the District, is at the same time a model of perfection in the way they do their work, their neatness in keeping books and accounts, and the very comfortable, cozy and well furnished lodge room. Arrangements are under way for paying their full quota to the S. C. B. Fund this year.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439.—This lodge was visited on June 1st, 1909, at their regular meeting. There was a large attendance of members and visitors.

A candidate was initiated, and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees very creditably to all the officers. Wor. Bro. George Bradley makes an ideal Master. The lecture on the Tracing Board, delivered by Wor. Bro. Tiffany, Sr., was one of the most impressive I have ever heard. The brethren of this lodge are very comfortably situated in a commodious and well furnished room. Their books are admirably kept, and the lodge is financially and numerically strong.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill.—I visited this, the oldest lodge in the District, at an emergent meeting on June 2nd. Everything was found to be in first-class shape. The attendance was large, the work all well done, and the officers and members very enthusiastic and painstaking in carrying out their Masonic work. The finances are in a healthy condition, and the books are very neatly and correctly kept by Bro. D. F. McRae, the Secretary.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, was also visited at a special meeting, on Thursday, June 3rd. Here I had the pleasure of meeting an old friend, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. A. Johnston, P. D. D. G. M., of Ottawa District. The W. M., Bro Sherman, is an active and enthusiastic Mason. With a little extra drilling in the floor work, this lodge would be up to a high standard of perfection in its work. The books are well kept and the finances healthy.

Maxwell Lodge, No. 418. — I visited Maxwell Lodge on the evening of June 4th. Here I found the brethren working in a very large and beautifully furnished lodge room. The work was exceptionally well done. I found the members of this lodge (who are a stalwart lot of men) working together with that harmony and good will which should at all times characterize Free Masons. Wor. Bro. Rev. Mr. Lee, of St. Elmo, was present and gave a fine address. Everything in connection with Maxwell Lodge is in good shape, and as soon as their apportionment to the S. C. B. Fund is paid, nothing will be lacking.

Cardinal Lodge, U. D.—I visited Cardinal Lodge officially on June 11th, at a regular meeting. This lodge, which is working under dispensation from the Grand Lodge, was instituted on March 25th, 1909,

with an initial membership of 19. The lodge room is very large and has been very beautifully and tastefully furnished, reflecting great credit on the enthusiastic members of this, our youngest lodge. The work done by the W. M. and his officers was perfect; no better work was done by any lodge in the District. Bro. Clark is an ideal Secretary. It is to be hoped that Grand Lodge will soon make this one of the full-fledged, warranted lodges of the District. In four months Cardinal Lodge has increased its membership fifty per cent, and all good men. Rt. Wor. Bro. J. C. Boyd and other visitors were present at this official visit.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.—Avonmore Lodge was visited on June 17th, there being a fair number in attendance. We had as a visitor Rev. S. Woods, W. M., of Henderson Lodge, Winchester. The brethren of Avonmore have a small lodge room, and it is to be hoped as the lodge becomes stronger numerically and financially that it will be made more attractive and home-like. The Wor. Master, Bro. McEwen, and the S. Warden, Bro. McNaughton, have the work of the lodge well in hand, and opened and closed in the several degrees in a very creditable manner. With a little extra drilling and practice, the officers of this lodge will do exceedingly good work. The books are well kept, and financially the lodge is in good shape.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125. — My official visit to Cornwall Lodge was at their regular meeting on St. John's Night, June 24th. The officers were all in their places and there was a large turnout of members. No degree work being on hand, the opening and closing were gone through with in a very efficient manner.

W. M. Milligan has a fine set of officers. This lodge has always been noted for doing its work well and the present officers are upholding the traditions of their predecessors. The books kept by Very Wor. Bro. John Ridley are faultless and the lodge is financially strong. This is one of the most commodious and comfortable lodge rooms in the District, and the lodge is most prosperous and progressive.

Wales Lodge, No. 458.—I paid my official visit to this, my own lodge, on the evening of June 28th.

There was a fair turnout of members, and the officers were all in their places. One candidate was initiated in a manner reflecting great credit on the W. M., Bro. W. E. Murray, and officers. The books of the lodge are well kept and the finances are in first-class shape.

This lodge was instituted six years ago, with a membership of 21, and has now 65 members in good standing. Three years ago our Masonic home was burned to the ground, and we have in the six years of our existence been obliged to fit up and furnish two lodge rooms, and now Wales Lodge can claim one of the coziest and most home-like Masonic rooms in the District. During this period of misfortune and struggle, this lodge paid its full quota to the S. C. B. Fund. Just lately a beautiful new piano has been purchased and paid for.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.—On June 29th, I officially visited Lancaster Lodge. There was a very fair attendance at the meeting and the lodge work is well done. The books are very neatly kept by Bro. McGillis, and the finances are well looked after. Three clergymen of Lancaster are members of the craft. Two of them were present at our meeting, and one is Senior Warden of the lodge. This is one of the very pretty lodge rooms of our District, and everything is kept very neat and tidy. I was very generously entertained by Wor. Bro. Johnston and his good wife during my stay in Lancaster, and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to this lodge of whole-souled and enthusiastic Masons.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville.—My visit here was at the regular meeting on Wednesday evening, June 30th. A large number of members and some visitors were present. This lodge has a large and well furnished set of rooms, and the work is exceedingly well done by the W. M., Dr. Brown, and other officers. Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Hanes keeps the books of the lodge very neatly. After addresses by the D. D. G. M., and some of the members and visitors, the lodge was closed and all repaired to the banquet hall, where the fourth degree was duly honored and well "put on" by all present.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480.—I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the evening of July 1st. Since the recent birth at Cardinal, Williamsburg is no longer the “baby lodge” of the District, and it is living up to its increased stature. It has been said and truly said, that this lodge exemplifies its work the best in the District, and certainly the officers of 1909 are upholding their good name. The work even in the small details is carried out with accuracy and precision. Wor. Bro. W. C. Strader is an ideal Master, and special mention must be made of the splendid work of the Senior Deacon, Bro. Oscar Beckstead. Bro. Beckstead’s diaconal floor work cannot certainly be excelled anywhere. This lodge’s room is small, but neatly and very comfortably furnished. The books are well kept and finances in good condition. I was very hospitably entertained at the hotel and driven to Winchester the next day by the W. M.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester. — This lodge was visited on the evening of July 2nd, at its regular meeting. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors so that the lodge seating capacity was taxed to the utmost. This is one of the most beautifully furnished lodge rooms in the District. The officers and members are most enthusiastic, zealous Masons. Several names were on the Call for advancement, but as none of them were present the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees very creditably. The W. M., Bro. Rev. S. Woods, does his work in a very deliberate and impressive manner, and is well supported by an able staff of officers and Past Masters. I found everything in the best shape, and the lodge is prosperous and progressive.

A very sumptuous banquet was provided at the Hotel Winchester. The usual toasts were honored, including the King, the Grand Lodge, and Visiting Brethren and then all was brought to a close by singing “Auld Lang Syne.”

Since our visit, Henderson Lodge and the whole Eastern District have suffered a great loss by the death of our late lamented brother, Rt. Wor. Bro. S. S. Reveler, P. D. D. G. M. Rt Wor. Bro. Reveler was one of the most painstaking and instructive D.

D. G. Mc ever to visit this District. His memory will long be cherished in our hearts and his influence for good will be felt by the whole District for ages to come. We extend our deepest sympathies to his sorrowing wife and relatives.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320.—I officially visited this lodge on July 5th. A special meeting had to be called for the purpose. This lodge has lately had its comfortable little home burned down by a disastrous fire, which reduced to ashes a great part of this beautiful village. The members of the lodge have secured temporary lodgings in the Oddfellows' hall, and are not discouraged but are ready to build again. The meeting was well attended and the officers, particularly the W. M., Bro. Steer, do their work well. The lodge is in a good position financially and will soon be in quarters of their own.

In conclusion, I may say that my visits to the several lodges in Eastern District, No. 21, have been a tour of real pleasure to myself, and I trust they may in some measure be of profit to the District. I have endeavored to emphasize the moral and religious side of Masonry, and, I trust, my endeavors will not be fruitless.

I have been met everywhere with uniform courtesy and fraternal good will by the brethren. Happiness, peace and prosperity prevail throughout the District. The lodges have all contributed liberally to my expenses and have rendered every possible assistance in the performance of my duties.

I desire once more to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the District, and to express the hope that my labors may result in some benefit to the craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

CHAS. O. CARSON, D. D. G. M.,
Eastern District, No. 21

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Warrants, beg to report that having examined and gone over the papers filed and the books of the lodges working under dispensations and asking for warrants, recommend as follows :

That Warrants be granted to the following lodges :

Penewobikong Lodge, No. 487, at Blind River.

King Edward Lodge, No. 488, at Harrow.

Osiris Lodge, No. 489, at Smith's Falls.

Hiram Lodge, No. 490, at Markdale.

That the Dispensations granted and issued to the following lodges be continued for another year, owing to the short time that they have been at work :

St. Andrew's Lodge, at Arden.

Cardinal Lodge, at Cardinal.

Karnak Lodge, at Coldwater.

St. Mary's Lodge, at St. Mary's.

Electric Lodge, at Hamilton.

Riverdale Lodge, at Toronto.

Your committee finds that the books of several of the applicants for charters are not kept as they should be, and would respectfully call the attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters to this fact ; that before their recommendation for a warrant is given they should look over and see that the lodge has a proper set of books, and we believe it would be for the good of the craft if Grand Lodge had a standard set of books printed and issued them at cost to all lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. BOYD,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

CALLED OFF.

At 12 o'clock noon the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

CALLED ON.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, on the throne, grand officers, members and representatives.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, beg to report as follows:

1. That tenders were received for printing the Proceedings, Constitutions, Ceremonies and other forms for five years, from November 1st, 1908, and that the tender of the Hurley Printing Company, Brantford, was accepted, it appearing to your committee that the facilities of the said firm, for doing the necessary work, would be adequate.

2. The Board will endeavor to place the various reports to Grand Lodge in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their submission thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

W. GEORGE EAKINS,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. George S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance :

REPORT.

The Committee on Audit and Finance of the Board of General Purposes have pleasure in reporting that they have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and certify to their correctness.

All funds received by the Grand Secretary have been deposited to the credit of the Grand Treasurer in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The Grand Treasurer has produced vouchers for all payments made by him as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full account of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in his office.

General Account.—Revenue.

The total receipts have been	37,446 60
The total expenditures have been as follows:	
General Purposes	\$16,987 93
Grants for Benevolence	24,362 00
	<hr/> \$41,349 93

Expenditures exceed receipts by.....	\$3,903 33
The receipts last year were	\$38,727 61
The decrease this year being	1,281 01

With a little extra effort on the part of Secretaries of some of the lodges a large amount of money due this Grand Lodge would be in the hands of the Treasurer for Grand Lodge use.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1908.

Securities.	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear- ing %	Yield- ing %		
Debentures—				
Can. Savings and Loan So. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 5,000 00	\$ 5,000 00	
Can. Can. Loan and Sav. Co. 4	4	15,000 00	15,000 00	
Ham. Provid't and Loan Co. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15,000 00	15,000 00	
Landed Bank. and Loan Co. 4 $\frac{3}{8}$	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	10,000 00	10,000 00	
Ont. Loan and Debenture Co. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5,000 00	5,000 00	
Berlin, City of	5	5,523 08	5,523 08	
Berlin, City of	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7,479 53	7,299 24	
Brantford, City of	3 $\frac{7}{8}$	8,173 60	8,000 00	
Brockville, Town of	3 9-16	3,131 45	3,030 00	
Brockville, Town of	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,033 24	4,307 02	
Brockville, Town of	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	4,293 94	4,518 67	
Hamilton, City of	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,777 70	3,000 00	
Kincardine, Town of	4 $\frac{7}{8}$	509 80	500 00	
Port Arthur, City of	4 $\frac{7}{8}$	1,009 31	1,000 00	
St. Thomas, City of	4 1-16	12,026 07	12,148 50	
Toronto, City of	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,484 14	4,866 66	
Toronto, City of	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	5,394 09	5,626 47	
		\$108,835 95	\$109,789 64	

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, 31st

May, 1909	\$ 3,126 80
Less cheques outstanding 31st May, 1909.....	516 08
	<hr/> \$ 2,610 72
	<hr/> \$112,400 36

During the year the following debentures matured:

Woodstock Debenture	\$7,000 00
City of Brockville	329 65

which have been invested in Berlin Debentures, \$7,479 53, yielding $4\frac{1}{2}\%$.

We have had placed before us for inspection the Bond of the Grand Secretary in the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company for the sum of \$5,000 00, and the same is in the keeping of the Grand Treasurer.

We would recommend that the Grand Master renew the said bond on its maturity. The premium to be paid for by Grand Lodge.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Your committee still feel deeply disappointed that a more generous response has not been made to the repeated appeals on behalf of this very worthy fund.

We would again draw the attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters to this matter, and urge upon them to give during their term of office, special attention thereto, and make this one of the main points to be dwelt upon, when visiting lodges in their districts.

We have had brought to our attention that some of the Secretaries of lodges have in their hands sums of money that should have been remitted to the Grand Secretary. Had those Secretaries done their duty there would have been a very much better showing this year.

We would recommend that the present D. D. G. Ms give their successors all information that will enable them to rectify this condition of affairs.

Semi-Centennial Fund—Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1909

Rate of Interest.

Securities. Debentures—	Bear- ing %	Yield- ing %	Cost Value	Face Value●
Berlin, City of	5	$4\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 1,526 95	\$ 1,462 88
East Toronto, Town of	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	1,600 08	1,635 12
Galt, Town of	4	5	1,695 60	2,000 00
Ingersoll, Town of	4	5	891 60	1,000 00
Kincardine, Town of	5	$4\frac{7}{8}$	1,019 60	1,000 00
Oshawa, Town of	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5,272 13	5,272 13
Ottawa, City of	5	4	10,529 00	10,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	940 10	1,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of	5	$4\frac{1}{2}$	2,200 80	2,000 00
Peterboro, City of	3	4	1,693 20	2,000 00
Peterboro, City of	4	5	907 90	1,000 00
St. Catharines, City of	4	$4\frac{1}{4}$	5,141 74	5,319 96
Saltfleet, Township of	5	$4\frac{3}{4}$	4,119 22	4,000 00
Seaforth, Town of	5	$4\frac{3}{4}$	4,105 56	4,000 00
Toronto, City of	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4,830 50	5,000 00

Woodstock, City of	4½	4.05	4,240 00	4,000 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall.....		5	100 00	100 00
Association Stock.....				

			\$ 50,813 98	\$50,790 09
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce 31st				
May, 1909			\$ 3,457 24	
Less outstanding cheques			2,668 20	
				789 04
				\$ 51,579 13

Your committee have examined the accounts as per summary of expenditure in the Grand Secretary's report, amounting to \$16,987.93, and have found them correct, and recommend the same for approval of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary has also submitted the following estimate of receipts and expenditure for the current year, which meets with the approval of your committee, and is recommended to Grand Lodge for authorization:

Estimate of Receipts for the Year Ending May 31, 1910.

Certificates	\$ 100 00
Dues	21,500 00
Fees	10,000 00
Dispensations	500 00
Warrants	50 00
Constitutions, Ceremonies, etc.....	900 00
Commutation of Dues	1,000 00
Miscellaneous	600 00
Interest on Investments	5,000 00
	\$39,650 00
Interest on Semi-Centennial Investments	2,300 00
	\$41,950 00

Estimate of Expenditure for the Year Ending May 31, 1910.

Salary of Grand Treasurer	\$ 200 00
Salary of Grand Secretary	2,000 00
Salary of Auditor	300 00
Salary of Chief Clerk	800 00
Salary of Stenographer	720 00
Salary of Clerk	600 00
Superannuation Allowance of former Chief Clerk	800 00
Incidental Expenses Grand Secretary's Office..	900 00
Printing and Stationery	2,800 00
Certificates and Warrants	400 00
Office Rent	460 00
Expense of Grand Lodge B. of G. P. Meetings..	1,600 00
Expense of Commissions and Delegations	200 00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	1,000 00
Postage of Deputy Grand Master and Chairman	
Committee on Benevolence	40 00
Travelling Expense of Grand Master	700 00

Stenographer for Grand Master	100 00
Rent of Telephone	60 00
Insurance on Furniture, Regalia, etc	70 00
Rent of Safety Deposit Box	25 00
Masonic Relief Association	215 00
R. W. Bro. Nixon, attendance at Benevolence Committee (special)	25 00
Sundry Expenses	150 00
Chairman Foreign Correspondence	150 00

\$14,315 00

Grants for Benevolence

24,500 00

Total Expenditure on General Account

\$38,815 00

Grants from Semi-Centennial Fund

2,300 00

\$41,115 00

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to enforce the regulation under Section No. 160 of the Constitution against lodges in default of dues.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. George S. May, and

Resolved, That the report on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro J. E. Harding, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, beg leave to report as follows:

During the year which has elapsed since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has with the approval of the M. W., the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, made sixteen interim grants to applicants, amounting to the sum of \$750.00.

Thirty-five grants have been made from the Interest on the Investment of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, amounting to the sum of \$2,250.00

The Board is gratified to be able to report that the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund amounted to the sum of \$49,587.00 on the 31st day of May last, and returns since that date have brought the Fund to over \$53,000.

The Board regrets that so large a number of the brethren have failed to respond to the request of the Grand Lodge and that so much apathy still exists with respect to this Fund.

The Board recommends that lodges which have been formed since the inception of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund in 1904 shall have the privilege of contributing in the same proportion as those who were members at that date, as they will in any event reap the benefit of that Fund.

In order to hasten the raising of the Fund to the full amount of \$100,000, the Board would suggest that the Grand Master request prominent brethren as special Commissioners to visit the lodges in the various Districts to impress upon them the necessity of immediately contributing their quota to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund in order that this branch of the work of Benevolence of Grand Lodge may be completed.

That all requisite and proper information be supplied them by the Grand Secretary and the Inspector.

Upon an examination of the contributions from the various lodges to this Fund we find that of 384 lodges on the register at the inception of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, 37 have generously overpaid their quota. Fifteen have paid in full, 285 have partially paid and 47 have failed to make any contribution whatever. We earnestly hope that ere another year goes by this state of affairs will cease to exist.

For the purpose of laying before the members of Grand Lodge the great need which there is for this Fund, and the great good which is done by the distribution of the revenue derived from it, the Board submits the following extracts from the reports of the Inspector of Benevolent Grants to the Grand Master, which describe in concise language some of the cases which come under his observation:

From the Inspector's report for 1904—

1. "Bro. P. is 65 years of age; he has one daughter, aged ten. He was formerly in good circumstances but lost his means. In March, 1909, he had a stroke of paralysis, since which time he has been totally disabled and has gone blind. His wife makes a little by sewing, but as he requires constant attention, she can not do much."

2. "Bro. H. is 58 years of age; he has no family. He formerly totally disabled by Rheumatoid Arthritis, and bedridden the greater part of the time. He has no means and depends upon the assistance he receives from the Masonic Fraternity."

3. "Bro. K. is 80 years of age; he has two sons and two daughters, all married and away. One of his daughters assists him a little, the others do not help him. He is totally disabled by rheumatism, and is bedridden. What means he had have been all used up during his illness. He has nothing to depend upon except what he receives from the Masons and I. O. O. F."

From the Inspector's report for 1905—

4. "Two hundred and twenty-four widows, four wives (worse than widows), three sisters and three old mothers, whose hard lot has been made more tolerable than it otherwise would have been, whose heavy burdens have been somewhat lightened and whose thorny paths have been made smoother. Thirteen orphans, without either father or mother to guide them, have been aided and assisted. Fifty-seven brethren, all of whom are disabled by disease or old age, have been made to feel that while they have been af-

flicted with poverty and distress, they have not been forgotten, and that their condition which at times seems almost unbearable, have been made easier, and that, although disabled physically, through the remembrance of their Masonic brethren, they have been rescued from the humiliation of being absolutely poverty-stricken."

5. "Bro. R. is 42 years of age. Some years ago he had a severe attack of rheumatism, and being unable to work, was compelled to live upon what he had saved. He has used up all his savings, is gradually getting worse, and has now become totally blind. During the last year he has had to depend upon what little he could get from his friends and the grant from Grand Lodge."

6. "Bro. S. is 85 years of age. He has no children or other relatives. He formerly lived in a small house alone, but for the last year he has been living with friends upon whom he has no claim except as a Mason. He has no means or property, and depends entirely upon the charity of his Masonic brethren."

7. "Bro. P. is 30 years of age. He is totally disabled by Rheumatoid Arthritis, cannot move a joint in his body, is lifted out of bed in the morning on to a chair and lifted back to his bed at night, and that is his life. He has no relatives or friends upon whom he could depend for help, is an inmate of the House for Incurables. There is absolutely no hope of his recovery."

From the Inspector's report for 1906—

8. "Bro. M. is over 90 years of age, and is very deaf. He lives in a small house with two daughters, one of whom is a confirmed invalid and the other is not strong. They depend upon what assistance they can get from another daughter, whose husband is in very moderate circumstances, and upon the grant from Grand Lodge."

9. "Bro G. is 41 years of age; he was formerly earning about \$20.00 per week. Some two years ago he became an invalid from a nervous disorder which the physicians apparently could not understand. He has a wife and four little children, the oldest about 11 years of age. For the last year his wife has had to support herself and children by washing, while he was in the hospital. He has now recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital, but cannot do any work."

From the Inspector's report for 1907—

10. "Bro. D. is 38 years of age. He has one son 9 and one daughter 12. His wife is in good health. In December, 1906, he had a stroke of paralysis or apoplexy and since that time he has been totally disabled. He has no means and must depend upon the consideration of his friends and any assistance he can get from the Masonic Fraternity. His mother, aged 73, lives with them."

11. "Bro. P. is 39 years of age. He has one son 14, and two daughters, 12 and 10, the son is an extra good boy and earns \$3.00 per week. Bro. P. is totally disabled, having had an operation for appendicitis, which disease he was supposed to have. The doctors now say that the trouble is tubercular. The wound has not healed and although he can walk, he cannot do any work. His wife is in good health. Practically, all Bro. P. has to depend on is the \$3.00 per week earned by his son."

12. "Bro. C. is 28 years of age. He has a wife and one son 1 1-2 years, and one daughter 3 1-2 years old; his mother also lives with him and has been supported by him, having no means of her own. He has paralysis affecting his speech and also one side of his body, is totally disabled and bedridden the greater part of his time. He had \$1,500 saved up, but it is all exhausted, and now he has no means or property. His wife makes a little by singing in a choir."

13. "Bro. T. is 82 years of age. He has one son who is away and from whom he receives no help. Some time ago he broke his arm, and on account of his great age, it will not heal. He is unable to do any work and depends entirely upon the consideration of his friends."

The Board, believing it will be of great interest to the members of Grand Lodge and to the Craft at large, have also appended to this report on Benevolence the Inspector's report to the Grand Master, for the year 1908 in full.

The Board recommends that in the case of new applicants the cheques be withheld until the Inspector has made his report.

It is also recommended that, considering the increased work devolving upon the Inspector, he be paid in future the sum of \$1,000 per year, which includes his expenses, and that he shall perform such further duties, in connection with the Benevolent Fund, as may be assigned him by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Your Board recommends that the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

290 applications were received this year, and have been disposed of as follows, namely:

149 grants through lodges, amounting to	\$14,000 00
141 grants through local Boards, amounting to	9,810 00
And there was one application rejected.	

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge:

Mrs. T. D. Harrington	\$300 00
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
	<hr/> 675 00

Total amount of grants made at this Annual Communication	23,810 00
Interim grants made since last meeting of Grand Lodge	750 00
Grants recommended from interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund	2,250 00
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Total grants for the year	\$27,485 00
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The grants made by lodges during the year as shown by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports amount in the aggregate to about \$17,000.

In accordance with Rule 7, on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following lodges will be withheld until proper returns have been received from these lodges as to the disposal

made of last year's grants. The lodges referred to are Numbers 2, 7, 74, 87, 90, 94, 99, 126, 128, 141, 153, 162, 165, 169, 224, 238, 255, 295, 322, 327, 329, 348, 352, 354, 358, 388, 391, 437, 451, 454.

There were 28 grants made through local Boards, subject to proper applications being made, and 46 grants through lodges under similar conditions.

The Board regrets that so many of the lodges neglect their duty to send in applications and that so many are defective in deserving cases, the Beneficiaries being the sole sufferers. The Committee feel compelled to make the grants subject to proper applications. The number this year is 74.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman.

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE.

Inspector's Report to the Grand Master.

A. T. FREED, Grand Master :

Dear Sir and M. W. Bro.—I herewith present my report as Inspector of Benevolent Grants for the year 1908.

There were 379 Applications considered by the Committee—

185 from Local Boards; 194 from Private Lodges.

Of the 185 from Local Boards—

142 were for Widows; 26 for Brethren; 8 for Orphans; 3 for Wives of Brethren inmates of Lunatic Asylums; 3 for Sisters of Masons; 3 for Mothers of Masons.

The 185 Applications received for Widows were disposed of as follows—

11 were granted \$20.00 each; 18 were granted \$30 00 each; 43 were granted \$40 00 each; 31 were granted \$50 00 each; 10 were granted \$60 00 each; 9 were granted \$70 00 each; 10 were granted \$80 00 each; 4 were granted \$100 00 each; 3 were reported against by the Inspector; 1 was rejected by the Committee; 1 died; 1 got married.

The 26 Applications received for brethren were disposed of as follows—

1 was granted \$40 00; 3 were granted 50 00 each; 1 was granted \$60 00; 1 was granted \$80 00; 6 were granted \$100 00 each; 12 were granted \$150 00 each; 1 died; 1 was rejected.

The 8 Applications received for Orphans were disposed of as follows—

2 were granted \$40 00 each; 3 were granted \$50 00 each; 1 was granted \$60 00; 1 was granted \$70 00; 1 was reported against by the Inspector.

Of the three Applications received for sisters of Masons—

1 was granted \$30 00; 1 was granted \$40 00; 1 was granted \$100 00.

Of the three Applications received for wives of Masons—

1 was granted \$40 00; 1 was granted \$80 00; 1 was granted \$100 00.

Of the three Applications received for mothers of Masons—

1 was granted \$30 00; 1 was granted \$40 00; 1 was granted \$60 00.

Of the 194 Applications received from Private Lodges—

138 were for widows; 45 were for brethren; 9 were for orphans; 1 was for the wife of a Mason in a lunatic asylum; 1 was for the sister of a Mason.

The 138 Applications received from Private Lodges for widows were disposed of as follows—

7 were granted \$20 00 each; 11 were granted \$30 00 each; 28 were granted \$40 00 each; 18 were granted \$50 00 each; 23 were granted \$60 00 each; 4 were granted \$70 00 each; 15 were granted \$80 00 each; 23 were granted \$100 00 each; 3 were reported against by the Inspector; 2 died; 3 lodges refused to complete the application; 1 grant reduced from \$40 00 to \$20 00 on Inspector's report; one sister of a Mason was granted \$50 00; one wife of a Mason was granted \$60 00.

The nine Applications for orphans were disposed of as follows—

1 was granted \$30 00; 2 were granted \$40 00; 1 was granted \$50 00; 3 were granted \$60 00; 1 was granted \$100 00; 1 was rejected by the Committee.

The forty-five Applications for brethren were disposed of as follows—

2 were granted \$30 00; 5 were granted \$50 00; 1 was granted \$60 00; 1 was granted \$80 00; 11 were granted \$100 00; 23 were granted \$150 00; 1 was reported against by the Inspector; 1 died.

The number of applications considered by the Committee this year was larger than last year by thirty, the number last year being 165 from local Boards and 184 from private lodges. It will be observed that there were 20 more applications from local Boards and 10 more from private lodges this year than there were last year.

280 applications were made for widows, of whom 266 received grants, 7 were rejected, 3 died, 1 got married, and in three cases the lodge refused to complete the application.

71 applications were made for brethren; 67 received grants, 2 were rejected and 2 died.

17 applications were made for orphans; 15 received grants, and 2 were rejected.

Four wives of Masons (the husbands being inmates of lunatic asylums), four sisters and three mothers of Masons received grants.

These figures tell the story of the work of Benevolence which is being done during this Grand Lodge year, but they do not tell the whole story. There is a factor in our Benevolent work which, previous to last year, did not exist, viz., the revenue from the Semi-Centennial Fund, and this year we have been able to use nearly \$2,000 in increasing the ordinary grants by from \$20 00 to \$80 00 in 37 cases where the need seemed to be the greatest. Let me give one instance:

A widow with six children, the eldest a boy of 13, making her living by her needle, said she found the work so hard she feared she would have to take the boy from school and set him to work, as he would be able to earn two dollars per week. The boy was clever, stood second in his class, and both mother and boy were anxious that he should have another year at school. The mother agreed to forego one-half the revenue that the boy's work would produce, and \$50, or the other half, was granted to her from the S. C. B. Fund, and thus the child of our deceased brother will be just that much better equipped to fight the battle of life. This year 35 brethren received the maximum grant of \$150. As the membership increases so do our cases of extreme need increase. In 1905 there were 22; 1906, 26; 1907, 28; and this year 35. These brethren are totally disabled by paralysis, old age, rheumatism, spinal disease, or blindness, and in nearly every case the grant from Grand Lodge is all they have to depend upon.

As in previous reports, I will give you a short description of some of them:

Bro. B. is 83 years of age; no children. He and his aged wife aged 78, live in a small house which they own, but have no other means. He was formerly a gardner, but for some years past has not been able to work on account of old age and rheumatism. They now practically depend upon what they receive from Grand Lodge.

Bro. H. is 44 years of age. He has one daughter, 18, and one son, 15. He is totally disabled as the result of a fall, and is quite incapable of doing anything towards his support. His children are beginning to earn. He has no means or property, and depends upon the consideration of his friends and the grant from Grand Lodge.

Bro. B. is 81 years of age. He has one son, 53, who is away. He lives with his daughter, a widow, who is supported by her children. He is totally disabled by old age and rheumatism. He has no means or property, and depends entirely upon what he receives from the Masons.

These three are a fair sample of the 35 extreme cases. A mere description, however, cannot give one an adequate idea of the poverty and distress that have to be endured by these, our disabled brethren. It does not lie in our power to restore their health or even to relieve them of the bodily pain and distress, which they must endure, but surely it is our bounden duty to do for them all that they urgently need in the way of financial assistance. It has been my duty this year to make a detailed report on each case, and I am convinced that there is no similar amount of money disbursed in this country that does as much real, practical good as the money we give from year to year to these, our people, who in the most of the cases need it so badly.

Yours fraternally,

J. B. NIXON,

Inspector Benevolent Grants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

REPORT OF BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, beg to report as follows:

1. Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, G. R. C., (Ottawa) versus Bro. W. B. Finley, upon the charge of wronging a Mason by fraud:

This was a charge preferred by Bro. A. G. Marshall against Bro. Finley for procuring a cheque for the sum of \$15.00, to be cashed by Bro. Ball, upon the representation that there were funds in the bank upon which the cheque was drawn, to meet and pay same upon presentation, when the fact was that Bro. Finley, in fact, had no account at said bank, and on presentation said cheque was dishonored and Bro. Ball was thereby defrauded out of \$15.00, previously paid by him to Bro. Finley. Bro. Finley has been duly tried by his Lodge for said offence and found guilty, and recommended for expulsion from the Craft. Your committee recommend that he be summoned to show cause, at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

2. Unity Lodge, No. 376, G. R. C. (Huntsville) versus Bro. Thomas Goldie, upon the charge of cruelty to wife and child by desertion and non-support. This was a charge preferred by Bro. A. G. Burke, S. D., against Bro. Goldie, a member of Unity Lodge, then under suspension for non-payment of dues, that, in the month of March, 1905, he ejected his wife and child from their home and neglected and refused to support or maintain either of them since that time. Bro. Goldie has been tried by said Lodge for said offence, and found guilty, and recommended for expulsion from the Craft. Your committee has carefully perused the evidence accompanying the report of the Lodge, and reports, that in receiving and apparently acting solely upon the evidence contained in a statutory declaration, dated 10th of April, 1909, and made at Huntsville by Janet Goldie, wife of the accused brother, without it appearing that Rules 20 and 21 of Grand Lodge, respecting trials for Masonic offences, have been complied with, renders the trial abortive; and your committee recommend that the report of Unity Lodge be referred back for such further action as the Lodge may decide upon.

3. Union Lodge, No. 9, G. R. C. (Napanee) versus Bro. C. A. Jenkins. On 3rd of July, 1907, Bro. Jenkins was convicted of a Masonic offence, and, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, your Committee recommended that he be summoned to show cause, at this meeting of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence. The Grand Secretary has produced evi-

dence to your committee to show that Bro. Jenkins has been duly summoned to appear at this communication of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, 21st day of July, 1909, at 2 p.m., to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for un-Masonic conduct, and your committee report accordingly and recommend that, if satisfactory cause be not shown according to said summons, Bro. Jenkins be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

4. Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. and A. M., versus Bro. R. M. Smith, a member of Howard Lodge, No. 391, G. R. C. (Ridgetown.) This is a charge by Bro. F. H. Tallman, a member of Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, G. R. A., against Bro. R. M. Smith, who, at the time the charge was preferred, and for a considerable time prior thereto, resided and practised as a dentist, at the said town of Red Deer, within the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, for un-Masonic conduct, consisting of having adulterous intercourse with the daughter of a Master Mason, who was a member in good standing of said Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, G. R. A. Bro. Smith has been duly tried by said Red Deer Lodge for said offence, and found guilty, and recommended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta for recommendation to this Grand Lodge for expulsion from the Craft for said offence. Your committee has carefully considered the evidence adduced at the said trial, and regards the charge as fully proved, and recommends that Bro. Smith be summoned to show cause, at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

5. Re Durham Lodge, No. 66, G. R. C. (Newcastle). This is an application to Grand Lodge to remit two penalties of \$20.00 each, incurred by Durham Lodge, owing to the Worshipful Master of said Lodge having raised two brethren within four weeks from the date of their having been passed, being a contravention of Section 204 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge. Your committee has carefully examined into the facts of this case, and, under the circumstances detailed, and there having been no intention to violate the Constitution, recommends that the application be granted, and the penalties remitted, but with the proviso that such action is not to be regarded as a precedent, and recommends that D. D. G. Ms draw the attention of all ruling Masters to the provisions of Section 204.

6. Re Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, G. R. C. (Princeton). This is an application to Grand Lodge to remit a penalty of \$20.00, incurred by Blenheim Lodge, owing to said Lodge having requested Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, G. R. C. (Newburgh) to raise one of the members of Blenheim Lodge, who had changed his place of residence from Princeton to Newburgh, said member having been passed by Blenheim Lodge, on the 14th of August, 1908, having been raised on the 9th of September, 1908, by Prince of Wales Lodge, Section 204 of the Constitution having been contravened by the member having thus received the higher degree within four weeks from the date of receiving the previous degree. Blenheim Lodge now applies to have the penalty of \$20.00 remitted. Your committee is satisfied that the error was made by oversight, and that there was no intention on the part of the candidate or any officer of either Lodge to violate the Constitution, and

recommends that the application be granted and the penalty remitted, but with the proviso that such action is not to be regarded as a precedent.

Re Madoc Lodge, No. 48.

Application by Bro. Robert Robinson to have Grand Lodge undertake to investigate the estate of one, Thomas Howe, late of Belleville.

The facts connected with the case are to be gathered from a great mass of correspondence extending from the year 1895 to the present time, and may be summarized by saying, that one Thomas Howe, died a great many years ago, intestate. Information of a very misty order is advanced, that he left some real estate which might possibly be vested, for some interest, in Elizabeth Robinson, but although solicitors and counsel from Kingston, Colborne and other places have been retained by Bro. Robinson, neither they nor he have been able to locate the real estate referred to. Two committees of Madoc Lodge have been appointed at different times to consider the matter, and appear to have gone into the question very fully. Successive District Deputy Grand Masters have also inquired into it, among others R. W. Bro. Ponton, of Belleville, who is noted for his zeal and ability, and who advised that length of time and adverse possession of the lands had long ago deprived the suggested beneficiary of any title, and on several occasions Bro. Robinson has been notified by the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary, that the Grand Lodge could not in any way interfere with it, as it was a matter peculiarly and solely for consideration and adjudication by the courts of our province in civil action. Bro. Robinson has appealed from the Grand Master's ruling, and bases his appeal to Grand Lodge upon the ground that Grand Lodge must protect all widows and orphans irrespective of being injured in any way by Masons. Your committee, after full consideration of all the facts, unhesitatingly endorse the position taken by the M. W., Grand Master, and recommend that the application of Bro. Robinson be not entertained.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. DAVID McPHERSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

(Note.—On July 31st, 1908, a letter was received by the Grand Secretary from the Secretary of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, stating, with reference to the case of Bro. Reginald Newman, that the sentence of the lodge upon Bro. Newman was "indefinite suspension," and not "recommended for expulsion," as previously reported through an error.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION
ON MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on the Condition of Masonry begs leave to report as follows:

The reports of the twenty-two District Deputy Grand Masters, who have represented the Grand Master in the various districts into which this Grand Jurisdiction is divided, have been submitted for its information and consideration.

Your Board has risen from a perusal of these reports with feelings of profound gratitude to Almighty God, for the peace, harmony and prosperity which your representatives have found to exist in every section of this great Province.

As to the growth of the Craft, it is found that at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge there were upon our rolls 406 lodges, with a membership in good standing of 42,180. There are now on our rolls 411 lodges, of which 403 lodges are duly warranted and 8 under dispensation, with a membership of 43,000 Masons in good standing.

From the information at hand there have been 2,600 candidates initiated, which is a satisfactory showing, demonstrating very clearly the respect felt by the young men of Ontario towards the Masonic body. The highest mark of respect that can be paid to any institution is to join it and endeavor to add to its strength and lustre.

For many years District Deputy Grand Masters have exercised energy and discretion in the discharge of their duties. It has been their aim to inspect each and every lodge, and they have spared neither time nor trouble to accomplish this important service to the Craft. The D. D. G. Ms for this year have been no exception to the rule. Nearly every lodge has been visited and its work and position accurately ascertained. The intention of Grand Lodge in creating our system of inspection was that it should have a careful report from well-skilled and intelligent officers upon the condition of each lodge, and that these reports should be embodied in its annual proceedings, so that lodges might see where they fell short, and mend their ways. It must be a matter of congratulation to a lodge to find itself commended by the representative of the Grand Master, or a source of chagrin to a lodge to see its weakness laid bare, in documents which are more or less public. The inspection of lodges is therefore a means of spurring lodges on to care in the exercise of all good works, and accuracy, intelligence and precision in the performance of its rites and ceremonies. As a result of this system your Board is able to congratulate Grand Lodge upon this fact, that year by year, the work is more accurately and intelligently rendered, and what is more important than mere work, that charity and brotherly love grow deeper and wider.

Some D. D. G. Ms have called attention to ways by which, in their opinion, the condition of the Craft would be improved; and some have asked for rulings upon certain points. Some think that too much money is spent on entertaining, the expense being out of proportion to the amount spent in charity. Others think that too much time is taken up in discussion, while others again think, what they call the "Side Benches" should participate more freely in discussion; others recommend that lectures shall be delivered more frequently; others express the opinion that concurrent jurisdiction should be extended to certain lodges.

Matters of entertainment and local benevolence or charity are purely domestic questions for each lodge to regulate for itself, and therefore the Board is not called upon to express an opinion, much less give a direction. There is nothing, however, before the Board which would lead it to form the opinion that any lodge has neglected its duty to its widows, orphans or indigent brethren; on the contrary the evidences of benevolence and charity are written large upon the reports of each lodge.

With respect to debates and who shall participate or refrain, it may be said that the regulation of debate is largely in control of the Master who will usually be guided by circumstances as they exist, either in curtailing or extending it. The hearing of lectures is a matter resting with the lodges. If they desire to hear a lecture they can invite some brother to deliver one. The extension of visitations is also a matter of lodge control.

As to the rulings asked—the D. D. G. Ms for the year can point out the proper position of the lights, perhaps at a Lodge of Instruction, if one is held. As to concurrent jurisdiction, that matter must be brought forward by notice of motion in Grand Lodge. When the question is before it Grand Lodge will deal justly and intelligently with the situation.

One D. D. G. M. states, that in his District the Master Mason's apron is withheld from the Master Mason until he passes an examination in the Third Degree. This can only be done when the lodge presents an apron as a gift, because when the candidate receives the degree he is clothed with the proper badge, and no lodge can prevent him purchasing and wearing the insignia of his rank.

Some D. D. G. Ms have adopted the plan of holding a reception of the members of the lodge they visit, having each brother introduced to them and shaking hands with them. This is a courteous and pleasing attention, if time and circumstances will permit.

Your Board is surprised to find that in many Districts the D. D. G. M. is unable to ascertain if the lodge rooms have been dedicated. If the records of a lodge are properly kept and preserved, there would be no difficulty. Your Board fears there is more or less carelessness as to the dedication of lodge rooms. Masonry requires no service except what will inculcate a reverence for things holy and preserve decency and order. We shall do well to stand upon the old order of things; they all have a reason and purpose. Your Board recommends that prompt steps be taken to ascertain beyond doubt those lodge rooms not yet dedicated, and an insistence that the ceremony shall be immediately performed.

Your Board rejoices to learn that several lodges formerly weak and despaired of are now active and progressive, which once more corroborates the opinion your Board has frequently expressed, that the light of Masonry should never be extinguished by the withdrawal of a warrant while there is a spark left. The man will appear, and the circumstances arise, and the lodge will be revived and built up.

The Work.—The work is very important as a means to an end. The teaching of the degrees will, if properly communicated when the candidate's mind is alert and receptive, probably remain with him, and, let us believe, influence his Masonic life. Your Board is glad to be able to report that the work appears to be accurately and intelligently presented throughout the jurisdiction with very few exceptions. This speaks volumes for the careful supervision of the D. D. G. Ms, and the care exercised by the lodges in their selection of officers.

Material.—The District Deputy Grand Masters appear to have been close students of the character and appearance of the lodges they have inspected, and their reports reflect the pleasing information that the lodges are becoming more and more careful in their scrutiny of the character, circumstances and disposition of candidates seeking admission. The Board reiterates its opinion that mere numbers are no evidence of high moral standards, and that quality not quantity is the best security for honesty of effort to accomplish the objects for which we exist. The Board therefore rejoices at the evidence of minute and careful enquiry being more generally made, and it confidently expects that District Deputy Grand Masters will continue to preach even greater vigilance.

Harmony.—Almost universal harmony exists. In some lodges little differences creep in. It will be so while humanity is selfish and weak, but the Board rejoices to know that District Deputy Grand Masters have endeavored to smooth away friction and have in most cases succeeded.

Finances.—The financial affairs of the lodges are reported to be in a satisfactory condition, and the Treasurers' books kept in a business-like way in the 400 lodges under the Grand Lodge there is not a solitary report of impropriety, much less dishonesty. The rule is now that Secretaries and Treasurers are bonded at the expense of the lodge. The expense is very small, and it provides against the possibility of a lodge losing money by weakness or dishonesty. This sound rule is commended to the attention of those lodges which have not already adopted it.

Secretaries.—The District Deputy Grand Masters without any exception appear to have carefully scrutinized the books and records of the Secretaries of lodges, and report them to be neatly kept and up-to-date, and that all returns are promptly made. When the Secretary happens to be permanent and a Past Master, the reports are very favorable. The board suggests particular attention to the record of degrees. If a proper book is not kept the Master's attention should be called to it and he should be instructed to procure the proper book and have it carefully entered up.

Insurance.—The Board finds that the sound business principle of insuring against loss by fire very generally prevails. At the same time its attention has been called to the fact that a few

lodges have been handicapped and their progress and usefulness retarded by losing their lodge rooms and effects by fire. Therefore, the Board urges upon all lodges the wisdom of insuring their property against loss by fire.

Lodges of Instruction.—Your Board regrets to report that only five Lodges of Instruction were held in the twenty-two Districts. The importance of holding Lodges of Instruction has been pressed upon the District Deputies from time to time, but they have not risen to the urgency and importance of these schools of correct work and opportunities for association. Nevertheless, unless the good work is kept up, innovations and differences will creep in. When a D. D. G. M. is appealed to in a lodge, he has to rule and give his opinion, he does it on the spur of the moment to the best of his knowledge and ability. If he is wrong the lodge has to bow and no question can be raised. If, on the other hand, Lodges of Instruction are held the work is criticised by old and experienced Past Masters, and the reasons can be given for the practices that prevail or the changes that should be made.

In the District of St. Clair, No. 2, an inspiring Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the indefatigable District Deputy Grand Master. There was a large attendance and much enthusiasm. This District has provided a sum of money, subscribed by each lodge, to cover the expenses of an annual Lodge of Instruction. This is a sound example and might well be imitated by every District under this Grand Lodge. In Toronto Districts a very large Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of the District Deputies of 11 and 11a. In Otonabee District, No. 20, the D. D. G. M. induced the lodges to come to Peterboro to a Lodge of Instruction. The brethren chartered special trains and nearly 400 Masons were present to witness the work. Such meetings as these tend to create a closeness of touch, and an esprit du corps in the District in which they are held that must result in strengthening and expanding the usefulness of the Craft. Your Board once more recommends that every D. D. G. M. under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall call a Lodge of Instruction during his term of office.

Benevolence—Your Board is pleased to say that there is no falling away in the loving mercy of the Craft. On the contrary, there is an ever-increasing desire to extend further aid to those requiring sustenance and support. The Benevolence of Grand Lodge this year amounts to about \$26,000; and that of the private lodges to about \$17,000; making in all, about \$43,000; every cent of which is free-will offering from the Craft.

Semi-Centennial Fund.—The Board observes with great pleasure that every District Deputy Grand Master has made a special effort to increase the subscription to this fund. The wise conclusion of Grand Lodge to extend the time for the collection of the fund has been amply vindicated, as with few exceptions the District Deputy Grand Masters report that the interest in the great charity is neither dead nor sleeping, but awake and active. The amount at the credit of this fund when Grand Lodge books closed on the 31st of May was \$51,750, since then over \$3,000 has been received, and the amount at the credit of this fund is now approx-

imately \$55,000. We may well thank God and take courage at the measure of success we have attained, and confidently hope under God's blessing to raise in the near future the full amount to which we stand pledged.

Church.—The reports of the District Deputies show that many lodges have observed the time-honored custom of going to one church as Masons at least once a year. The object being to praise our Father in Heaven for all His mercies to the Craft, and to evidence to the world that while we belong to different religious bodies no narrow sectarian spirit is ever allowed to exist.

The Board congratulates Grand Lodge upon the fact that the Grand Master has been frequently called on to see that foundation stones of churches and schools are well and truly laid. These functions are peculiar to the Masonic body, and your Board thinks it is a splendid tribute to the God-fearing character of the Craft that it should be invited to assist in the erection of temples for the worship of God and buildings in which the minds and characters of the youth of the country shall be trained and formed.

In conclusion let us continue to proclaim our faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, exercise charity and forbearance towards all men, care for the suffering and helpless, and be examples of loyal, patriotic citizens of our country, the great nation that is now in process of building up. It is by the exercise of these virtues that we shall continue in the future as we have in the past to stand four square to all the winds that blow.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report which was read by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence:

REPORT.

Your committee, through the Board of General Purposes, beg to state that it has examined the notices of motion which propose to amend the Constitution of Grand Lodge and report thereon as follows:

1. With regard to the notice of amendment of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, your Committee have been informed by him that the first five lines or introduction of his notice of motion are misleading and not as he intended it should be worded and your Committee report that notwithstanding the wording of the first five lines the same should be considered as a notice of motion of

amendment of Constitution in the manner contained in the clauses one to eight, both inclusive, of the next amendment and that there is no legal objection to the motion being brought before Grand Lodge.

2. That the amendments of R. W. Bro. John Hoodless and R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt are legal and can be dealt with by Grand Lodge.

3. That the subject matter set out in the amendment proposed by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon to amend Section 3 of the Constitution is proper to be brought before Grand Lodge, but that it is not suitable to be inserted after the word lodge in the eleventh line.

4. That the proposed amendment of R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon to Section 183, of the Constitution cannot be considered as an amendment to said section, but may properly be dealt with as an amendment to the Constitution. The R. W. Bro. has, however, requested that his notice of motion as outlined in above paragraphs 3 and 4, be allowed to stand over until the next session of Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report which was read by V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, for the Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on our Fraternal Dead, beg to report:

In this beautiful midsummer month, when the husbandman is rejoicing at the coming harvest and the birds are pouring forth sweet melodies, it is indeed fitting that we should meet together and be happy in renewing old friendships and in making new ones. But in our happiness and our joy we pause to pay a tribute of respect and to mourn for our departed brethren. Christian and Infidel and Pagan alike, with different hopes and aspirations, weep over the graves of their fellows.

We honor our dead. They performed their allotted task while it was yet day, and then passed beyond the mysterious veil. To all, the veil drawn between the present life and the future is impenetrable. We hardly see "through a glass darkly," but the Mason's hope is that somewhere, somehow, we shall see face to

face, though the dead are now as far beyond our reach as are the stars in the firmament by night. Cry into the future as we may' no answer will ever reverberate:

"That it were possible
For one short hour to see
The souls we loved, that they might tell us
What and where they be."

The profoundest mystery of human experience is the mystery of death. Death levels all. In death the poor man is as rich as the millionaire, and the rich man is as poor as the pauper. The strongest has no supremacy and the weakest needs no defence. The wrongs of time and circumstances are redressed by death—it is Nature's final decree. The right to live is in human estimation the most sacred, the most inviolable, the most inalienable. The greatest crime and the greatest penalty known to human law is the sacrifice of human life. We are all under the sentence of death, we all must die. Beauty and deformity, good and evil, wisdom and ignorance, virtue and vice, share the same relentless fate. The great mystery of death is as unfathomable now as it was when the great Creator breathed into man the breath of life.

Shakespeare said: "Be still prepared for death and death or life shall thereby be the sweeter." While Milton has said: "Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity." Some answer to the call in the morning, ere the sun has dried the dew that gives to life its sweetest fragrance, and fall asleep "under the shadow of the clouds, each in the windowless palace of rest." Others at high noon, when fatigue has not even warned the vigor and strength of manhood of the danger of excessive effort, are transported from "the roar of conflict to the serenity of death," and yet others, in the quiet even-tide, see the sun sink low in the golden reflex of the celestial beyond, lie down under the burden of their years, and pass on to "the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust," and hence each ebbing tide of eternity's sea bears away upon its bosom a phantom ship laden with the souls of men, while those left weeping on the shore kiss down the lids of sightless eyes, cover precious dust with flowers moistened with their tears, and then in turn abide the time when they too shall sail away o'er the "unknown sea" to the haven of immortality.

As we pause by the graves of our deceased brethren and deposit the sprig of evergreen, we are reminded of the universal dominion of death, and with tear-dimmed eyes stand amidst the shadows as they frown upon us, casting their dark and cheerless blight over the dearest objects—yet there shines above all the eternal Star of Human Hope.

"We know that each moment of rapture or pain
But shortens the links of life's mystical chain,
Yet, O, when death's shadows our bosoms encloud,
And we shrink at the thought of the coffin and shroud,
May hope, like a rainbow, our spirits enfold,
In her beautiful pinion of purple and gold."

R. W. Bro. Thomas C. Macnabb, who was a P. D. D. G. M., of the St. Clair District and a Mason of fifty-five years' standing, was called to rest on August 6th last, at Chatham. At the time of his death he was eighty years of age and had, during his long and useful life, taken a deep interest in Craft affairs.

Grand Lodge also mourns the death of R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin, a Past Grand Registrar. He died at Woodstock on September 1st last. He was a well-known lawyer, and he had been for some years a member of the Board of General Purposes. His genial countenance will be seen no more at our annual communications.

R. W. Bro. Christopher McLellan of Stratford, died on the 16th March last. He was a P. D. D. G. M., and was, up to the time of his death, one of the most active Masons in Stratford. He was widely known to the brethren, especially throughout the western part of the province.

V. W. Bro. James R. Dunn, a member of Occident Lodge, Toronto, died on the 23rd of August. He had resided in Toronto for many years, and had taken, in early life, an active interest in municipal affairs.

V. W. Bro. Richard Roberts, a Past Grand Pursuivant of Grand Lodge, died in December last. He had been for several years identified with Masonry in Sault Ste Marie.

W. Bro. Joseph Edwin Gould of Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, died on the 4th of August. The Farmers' Institutes in the District in which he resided were greatly benefited by his efforts.

W. Bro. W. B. McMurrich, K. C., a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, died on the 6th September of last year. He had been Mayor of Toronto, and had been interested in the educational matters of that city for many years, and was essentially a man of affairs.

While actively discharging the duties of Master, W. Bro. C. E. Brown, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara, Ont., died on the 15th September. His loss was greatly felt by the brethren.

Others who have passed to their reward:

R. W. Bro. S. S. Reveler, P. D. D. G. M., Henderson Lodge, No. 383, West Winchester.

R. W. Bro. Wesley Lattimer, P. D. D. G. M., Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Rankin, P. D. D. G. M., Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham.

R. W. Bro. Charles W. Mulligan, P. D. D. G. M., Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton.

R. W. Bro. George Crystal P. G. C., Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Pinkerton, P. D. D. G. M., Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove.

V. W. Bro. Oliver G. Copeland, G. Std., Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke.

W. Bro. Robert Charles Dench, Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield.

W. Bro. Walter Adams, Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto.

W. Bro. Leonard Else, Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal.

W. Bro. Johnston McGregor Young, Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope.

W. Bro. Harold Barrett, Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope.

W. Bro. Robert Henry Green, Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro.

W. Bro. W. E. Roxburgh, Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood.

W. Bro. W. H. Stephenson, Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood.

W. Bro. Searing Johnson, Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton.

On the 18th March of the present year one of Canada's oldest Masons passed away in the person of Sir James Robert Gowan of Barrie. He had been a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto, for upwards of 69 years. He was also a Jurist, Legislator and Educationist, and a man who was esteemed by all who knew him.

To the lodges that are called upon to mourn the loss of beloved and useful members our sympathy is extended, as well as to our Sister Jurisdictions which are mourning the death of devoted brethren.

We stand by their graves and look in vain for some physical token of the presence of our departed brethren, but none appears; as the rising sun dispels the darkness and gloom of night, so our faith, rising amidst the gloom of death, illumines the darkness, and reveals to us the silver lining of the dark clouds of dissolution. We live for a moment, casting our shadows among the living, and, then, like the ripened grain before the reaper's sickle, we too fall before the grim reaper Death.

Among the clouds that darken our lives none is so black as the shadow of death, which but for the "bow of promise" would utterly obscure the light and envelop us in hopeless despondence. But "twilight and evening bell" are always followed by the dawn. The shades of evening always deepen into night, but the obscurity of night dissolves into dawn and brightens into day, and so we need not doubt that the darkness which attends the cessation of life, and which seems to be without a ray of mental or spiritual illumination, will be dissipated by a celestial light that will transform it into a halo of glory.

Then let us—

Live that the world may find us
Honest and pure of thought;
Live though it frown upon us,
Live as all true men ought."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

F. W. HARCOURT,
Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, and

Resolved that the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which upon motion was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD ON REVISION OF THE CEREMONIES AND ON LODGE EMBLEMS.

To the Board of General Purposes:

Your Committee on the Revision of the "Ceremonies," etc., beg to report as follows:

1. Your committee have observed that the framers of the Ceremonies handed to us, harmonized the ritual of each, without disturbing the text.

2. We recommend, however, that in the ceremony of dedicating a lodge the officers who hand the vessels to the Grand Master should be transposed, the Grand Junior Warden being the first in all cases; the same with respect to the ceremony of constituting and consecrating a lodge.

3. With regard to the ceremonies of laying corner stones, the funeral service and the installation ceremony, your committee have seen the draft in print, and would recommend that they be also revised on the same principle as to details as the others, with the consent of the M. W. the Grand Master, so as to harmonize the whole, and be embodied in a book of ceremonies, except the installation ceremony, which should be bound in a separate pamphlet.

4. With regard to the letter from Doric Lodge, Brantford, asking the sanction by Grand Lodge of an emblem to be used by them on their stationery, medals, buttons, seals, etc., a copy of which is attached to their letter, your committee feel and recommend that Grand Lodge should not commit itself to the adoption by any lodge of an emblem, for if once recognized, Grand Lodge will be frequently applied to in the future concerning matters which have no constitutional bearing.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Chairman.

JOHN E. HARDING,
AUBREY WHITE,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on Revision of Ceremonies and on Lodge Emblems be received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and seconded by

That the following proposed amendment to the constitution be presented to Grand Lodge and referred to a special committee to report at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge in July, 1910, and that all clauses of the Constitution conflicting with the amendment be changed to harmonize therewith:

Election of Grand Lodge Officers

1. The nominations for the election of elective officers of this Grand Lodge shall take place on the last day of the annual communication.

2. The Grand Secretary shall transmit to each candidate nominated a notice by registered mail of his nomination, on or before the first day of April following, requesting his acceptance or declination of said nomination on or before the first day of May. The Grand Secretary shall, not later than the fifth day of May, transmit to the Secretary of each lodge ballots upon which are printed the names of the candidates who have accepted nomination for each contested office, arranged in alphabetical order, sufficient in number to supply each W. M., Warden and Past Master with a ballot.

3. At the regular meeting of the private lodges, held in May, all Past Masters in good standing who are present shall in open lodge proceed to vote for Grand Officers, as follows: Each Past Master shall mark his ballot with the figures 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., opposite the names of the candidates in the order of his choice. The Secretary shall then affix the seal of the lodge to each ballot, and shall immediately thereafter transmit the same by mail with a statement, certified by the W. M. and Secretary, as to the number of ballots used.

4. The Board of Scrutineers shall meet at the hour of two o'clock p.m., on the Monday preceding the communication of the Grand Lodge, and the chairman shall unseal the envelopes in the presence of the Board and the candidates who may choose to attend, and proceed to count the ballots, as follows:

First, they shall sort out all the ballots according to the first choice votes for each candidate, no heed being paid at this time to the other figures.

If any candidate has then a clear majority of all the first-choice votes he shall be reported as entitled to be declared elected, and the count goes no further; but if no candidate has a majority then the candidate who has the smallest number of these first choice ballots shall be declared out of the count, and his ballots shall be distributed among the other candidates in accordance with the next choice thereon—that is, in this case, each candidate gets the ballots on which his name is marked as second choice.

If still no candidate has the required majority, then the lowest of the remaining candidates is eliminated and his ballots distributed to the others similarly. This process is continued until a majority is got.

5. In the election for such office the candidate having a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected by the Grand Master.

6. Should all the candidates for any office decline the nomination, or be disqualified by removal from the jurisdiction, loss of membership, or other cause, the nomination and election for such office shall take place at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge following, and voting thereon shall be confined to the delegates present in Grand Lodge, and shall be on the preferential system above described.

7. Should any officer elected fail to present himself for installation within thirty days of the time duly appointed for the ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, and the delegates present shall forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy by nomination and election on the preferential plan; provided, that if satisfactory cause for such absence be shown, the installation of such absent officer may take place at such time and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.

8. At an election for Grand Officers in any private lodge, a Past Master not a member of such lodge shall be permitted to vote, on presenting a certificate from the Secretary of his own lodge that he is in good standing and entitled to vote at that election; which certificate shall be attached to the election return of the lodge in which said Past Master votes, and be transmitted therewith to the Grand Lodge.

9. That the ballot be in the form attached to this Notice of Motion.

The motion was lost.

PROPOSED BALLOT PAPER, GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.

THE NAMES OF MEN ARE FICTITIOUS, USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ILLUSTRATING THE PLAN OF THE BALLOT PAPER

Prop. C. Master D. D. C. Master C. Sr. Warden C. Jr. Warden Grand Chaplain. Grand Registrar Place of Meeting				Members of the Board of General Purposes			
NAME.	No. of choice	NAME.	No. of choice	NAME.	No. of choice	NAME.	No. of choice
HN SMITH Richmond Lodge, No. 23 RICHMOND HILL	C. KNOWLES Alma Lodge, No. 72, GALT	JAS. JONES Belmont Lodge, No. 106 BELMONT	PETER LOVE Kerr Lodge No. 230 BARRIE	R. H. WRIGHT Doric Lodge No. 58 OTTAWA	H. H. WHITE Fidelity Lodge No. 428 PORT PERRY	HAMILTON	W. JONES Matland Lodge No. 33, Goder- ich.
OBERT ROE Highgate Lodge, No. 366. HIGHGATE	R. SNIDER Union Lodge No. 7 GRIMSBY	R. ROBINSON Tudor Lodge No. 14 MITCHELL	J. B. WATSON Trent Lodge No. 38 TRENTON	JOHN DEAN Nickel Lodge No. 427 SUDBURY	R. MOORE Tweed Lodge No. 239 TWEED	KINGSTON	S. BROWN Stirling Lodge No. 69, Stirling
S. BROWN Asia Lodge No. 116 THETFORD	E. HARDY Barton Lodge No. 6 HAMILTON	JOHN LEACH St. John's Lodge No. 284 BRUSSELS	B. E. HART Lorne Lodge No. 404 TAMWORTH	T. R. ROSS Unity Lodge No. 376 HUNTSVILLE	W. A. CLARK St. Clair Lodge, No. 135 MILTON	OTTAWA.	J. SMITH Eric Lodge No. 149, Port Dover
							W. ROBINSON The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London.
							J. THOMPSON Bernard Lodge No. 234, Listowel
							W. GILES Sydneyham Lodge No. 225, Dresden
							T. JOHNSTON Kent Lodge No. 574, Blenheim

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It was moved by R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, that the following amendments be made to the constitution, viz.:

Amend Section 31 by striking out the words "Present at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge," and substituting therefor "At such place within the district as may be decided upon at the annual meeting for the election of District Deputy Grand Master of which each lodge in the district shall be notified by the D. D. G. M. before the first day of March following."

Amend Section 32 by striking out the words "At the hour of eight o'clock p.m. on the first day of the annual meeting of Grand Lodge," and substituting therefor "On the first Wednesday in July, at an hour to be decided upon at the previous annual meeting of the district."

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartram, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, that the words "not later than" be substituted for the word "on" in the third line of the notice to amend Section 32.

The amendment was lost.

The original motion was also lost.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White and

Resolved, That Section 33 be amended by adding after the word "Wardens" in the fifth line the words "the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary."

At the request of R. W. Bro. John K. Bryden, who was unable to attend, the following notices of motion were allowed to stand until next year:

That article three of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding the following after the word "lodge" in the eleventh line of said section: "Except in the case of lodges in the Algoma District, No. 17, who shall have power to appoint a Past Master residing in said district as proxy to represent three or less lodges in said district at the annual communication of Grand Lodge."

The Book of Constitution be amended by adding the following words after the word "rejected" of Section 183: "And that applications of candidates for initiation shall be ballotted for in the third degree."

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for election of Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year were received.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at six o'clock p. m., to meet again at 9.30 a. m. on July 22nd.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, July 22nd, 1909.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Your Board beg to report that it has read with pleasure the excellent address presented to Grand Lodge by the M. W., the Grand Master.

It is matter for congratulation that the year has passed without any serious disturbance of the harmony that should prevail amongst the craft, and that our relations with other Grand Bodies are of a most harmonious nature.

With regard to the question of membership and revenue in the first paragraph of the address, the reasons adduced by the Grand Master must be considered satisfactory.

With regard to the grants for benevolence from the ordinary revenue in 1908-1909, the return is most gratifying. When we look back at the pioneer years of this Grand Lodge, and recall the humble efforts we then made to assist those who had claims upon us, and compare those years of our giving with the year just closed, we have great reason to be truly thankful to the Giver of all good, Who has so prospered and blessed our institution during all the period of its existence.

It is a matter of great regret to find that many lodges have failed to respond to the appeal made to them on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Fund; but it is to be hoped that in the near future the responses may be more liberal so that the sum contemplated may be reached within a comparatively short period.

The Grand Master's reference to the fraternal dead in this and other jurisdictions, having been considered by the Committee on that subject, need not be referred to in this report.

Your Board cordially concur in the suggestion of the M. W., the Grand Master, that W. Ms of lodges should become more conversant with the constitution of Grand Lodge, and so save the necessity of writing unnecessary letters either to the Grand Master or the Grand Secretary on subjects that are fully explained in the Book of Constitution.

Your Board agree with the rulings given by the Grand Master as quoted in his address.

Your Board approve of the action of the M. W., the Grand Master in connection with the sufferers by the earthquake in Italy, and recommend that Grand Lodge endorse the giving of the contribution of \$1,000 through the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Italy towards the relief fund.

Your Board consider that the M. W., the Grand Master, acted not only within his powers, but in the best interests of the craft, by his action in removing the late District Deputy Grand Master of the Second District, from office. Your Board cordially agree with the conclusions expressed by the Grand Master in this case, and trust that the course pursued will be a warning to all those who are willing to accept Grand Office, but are unwilling to perform the duties thereof.

Your Board have read with deep regret the statement regarding the un-Masonic proceedings in lodges No. 47, Windsor and No. 81, Mount Brydges, and your Board concur in the suggestion made by the M. W., the Grand Master, that a special committee be named at this communication to take into consideration the whole question of balloting for candidates, and prepare a comprehensive report on the subject, for the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Board think that the M. W., the Grand Master, is right in his opinion regarding the use of lodge rooms by bodies other than Masonic. While in some cases it might be a hardship in sparsely settled districts where halls are few and far between, yet as it is a direct violation of Section 231 of the constitution which governs such cases, the provision laid down in that section must be adhered to.

Your Board are thoroughly in accord with the M. W., the Grand Master, on the subject of canvassing. Such action by members of the Craft is most reprehensible, and must not be countenanced in any lodge within this jurisdiction.

Your Board deem it to be their duty to recommend that a cordial vote of thanks be tendered by Grand Lodge to M. W., Bro. John Ross Robertson, P. G. M., for his characteristic generosity in presenting a full set of undress Masonic clothing for the use of all officers of Grand Lodge, which the M. W., the Grand Master, has accepted and placed in charge of the Grand Secretary for the use of grand officers, as the Grand Master may direct. This is only another evidence of the great liberality invariably manifested by the M. W. Brother, and should be suitably acknowledged by the members of this Grand Lodge. His benefactions to Free Masonry have been numerous and unceasing and call for grateful recognition at the hands of this Grand Body.

Your Board note with much satisfaction the appointments made of Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodges of Rhode Island, Belgium, and New Zealand.

Your Board are glad to read the list of consecrations, dedications and laying of corner stones. In regard to the latter, it is pleasant to note the appreciation, by bodies non-Masonic, of the Craft and its work.

In conclusion, your Board desire to express great gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for having given to this Grand Lodge the services of so able and eminent a brother as M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, who has presided with so much acceptance over Grand Lodge during the past two years. His earnest endeavor, his devotion to the duties of his office, his care of the welfare of the Craft in every detail, will always be gratefully remembered by the brethren of this jurisdiction.

Your Board trust that he will live for many years to come in the full enjoyment of health and happiness, still continuing his deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. A. STEVENSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the address of the M. W., the Grand Master be received and adopted.

UNDRESS CLOTHING.

It was moved by W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. T. White, and

Resolved, That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson for his great generosity in presenting to Grand Lodge, for the use of the officers, the beautiful set of undress clothing, now being worn for the first time in Grand Lodge.

The vote of thanks was duly tendered by the M. W., the Grand Master, and in reply M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson said:

M. W. Sir:—I thank you, and I thank W. Bro. Wardrope for the kindly references made to me, and you, my brethren, for your acceptance and endorsement of those references. I can only say that I am grateful to you all and thank you from the depth of a heart that holds many memories of the kindness I have received at the hands of this Grand Lodge.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and directed them to collect the ballot and to report the result to Grand Lodge;

W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Acacia, 61, Hamilton, Chairman; W. Bros. S. W. Welsh, Arcadia, 440, Minden; John Boyd, Tuscan, 437, Sarnia; E. A. Mills, Tuscan, 437, Sarnia; J. R. Hill, Dalhousie, 52, Ottawa; M. Cobban, Lodge of Fidelity, 231, Ottawa; C. W. Jeffreys, Doric Lodge, 58, Ottawa; T. D. Minnes, Minden, 253, Kingston; R. W. Longmore, Prince of Wales, 146, Newburgh; Robt. McConkey, Algonquin, 434, Elmsdale; R. C. Dobie, Dymont, 442, Thessalon; Jos. Ellenton, Doric, 455, Little Current; E. E. Linger, Acacia, 61, Hamilton; D. G. McIlwraith, Harmony, 57, Binbrook; Jas. Mercer, St. John's, 40, Hamilton; C. W. Harrison, Union, 7, Grimsby; W. F. Randall, Union, 7 Grimsby; Lewis Riggs, Ashlar, 247, Toronto; J. W. Ledger, Alpha, 384, Toronto; R. A. Thompson, St. John's, 40, Hamilton; A. B. Clark, Doric, 382, Hamilton; Robt. Jordan, Cameron, 232, Dutton; J. W. Rodgers, St. Andrew's 16, Toronto; W. E. Orr, The Beaches, 473, Toronto; T. E. Epps, Acacia, 61, Hamilton; C. F. Wallbridge, Belleville, 123, Belleville; Jas. Moore, Mount Zion, 39, Brooklin; H. B. Currie, Saugeen, 197, Walkerton; S. Hollingworth, King Solomon's, 22, Toronto; W. B. Jones, Burns, 153, Wyoming; A. D. Ellis, St. John's, 104, Norwich; E. W. Moles, St. John's, 104, Norwich; F. P. Warne, Muskoka, 360, Bracebridge; W. W. Gamage, Kilwinning, 64, London.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts and were confirmed by the M. W. Grand Master:

- R. W. Bro. J. C. Elliott, Glencoe, Erie District, No. 1.
- " J. H. Argue, Strathroy, St. Clair District, No. 2.
- " Wm. Wallace, London, London District, No. 3.
- " Chris. Hodgins, Lucan, South Huron District, No. 4.
- " D. Patterson, Lucknow, North Huron District No. 5.
- " J. A. Messecar, Scotland, Wilson District, No. 6.
- " D. W. Houston, Berlin, Wellington District, No. 7.
- " Wm. M. Logan, Hamilton, Hamilton District, No. 8.
- " W. A. Sneath, Elmvale, Georgian District, No. 9.
- " James E. Merriman, St. Catharines, Niagara District, No. 10.
- " Wilson Wilby, Weston, Toronto West District No. 11.
- " J. T. Power, Queensville, Toronto East District, No. 11a.
- " Ralph Clark, Lindsay, Ontario District, No. 12.
- " R. H. Spencer, Trenton, Prince Edward District, No. 13.
- " T. D. Minnes, Kingston, Frontenac District, No. 14.
- " A. Langstaff, Kemptville, St. Lawrence District, No. 15.
- " D. H. McIntosh, Carleton Place, Ottawa District, No. 16.
- " T. J. Cherry, Keewatin, Algoma District, No. 17.
- " J. B. Wallace, Little Current, Nipissing District, No. 18.

- R. W. Bro. S. N. Davis, Parry Sound, Muskoka District, No. 19.
 " S. P. Ford, Norwood, Otonabee District, No. 20.
 " John Ridley, Cornwall, Eastern District, No. 21.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson installed and invested the newly-elected District Deputy Grand Masters, with the exceptions of R. W. Bro. W. A. Sneath, District, No. 9; R. W. Bro. T. J. Cherry, District, No. 17; and R. W. Bro. S. P. Ford, District, No. 20, who were not present. The newly-installed District Deputy Grand Masters were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Grand Honors.

Grand Lodge was called from labor at one o'clock p. m., to meet again at 2.30 p. m.

CALLED ON.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of the brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes:

- M. W. Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Sarnia, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master.
 " Thomas Rowe, London, Grand Senior Warden.
 " James Palmer Rankin, Stratford, Grand Junior Warden.
 " Rev. Frank E. Pitts, New Liskeard, Grand Chaplain.
 " E. T. Malone, Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
 " R. L. Gunn, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.
 " George M. Gorrell, Morrisburg, Grand Registrar.
 And by open vote of Grand Lodge:
 Bro. Charles A. Hulley, Belleville, was elected Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

- R. W. Bro. George S. May, Ottawa.
 " W. J. Drope, Grimsby.
 " W. N. Ponton, Belleville.
 " Fred Guest, St. Thomas.
 " Stewart McWhorter, Petrolia.

Subsequently the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years:

- R. W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, Barrie.
 " R. H. Revell, Windsor.
 " J. A. Macfadden, Toronto.
 " A. E. Cooper, London.
 V. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Hamilton.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year :

- V. W. Bro. Wm. A. Young, London, Grand Senior Deacon .
- “ W. H. Wardrope, Hamilton, Grand Junior Deacon.
- “ John Pearson, Toronto, Grand D. of Ceremonies.
- “ John Boyd, Sarnia, Asst. Grand Secretary.
- “ Wm. Taylor, Streetsville, Asst. G. D. of Ceremonies.
- “ W. S. Davidson, London, Grand Sword Bearer.
- “ R. J. Stevenson, Stratford, Grand Organist.
- “ Henry White, Shelburne, Assistant Grand Organist.
- “ Donald J. McCuaig, Ottawa, Grand Supt. of Works
- “ Thos. H. Bell, Cobourg, Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards.

- V. W. Bro. J. H. Blackmore, Listowel.
- “ John J. Allen, Georgetown.
- “ John Knox, Virgil.
- “ R. S. Cormack, Whitby.
- “ Robt. Cox, Enterprise.
- “ George H. Rapsey, Port Arthur.
- “ A. W. Freeland, Emsdale.
- “ Robt. S. Cull, Guelph.
- “ George Armstrong, Burford.
- “ Amos Maynard, Woodbridge.
- “ Hy. F. Ketcheson, Belleville.
- “ J. G. Campbell, Perth.
- “ S. Weegar, North Bay.

Grand Standard Bearers.

- V. W. Bro. Fred Warren, Wales.
- “ C. Christianson, Amherstburg.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The City of Belleville was chosen as the meeting place of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of London for the excellent accommodation provided and kindly attentions shown to the members during this annual communication.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Credentials for the valuable services rendered by them at this annual communication.

The M. W. Grand Master installed and invested R. W. Bro. W. A. Sneath, Elmvale, as District Deputy Grand Master of Georgian District, No. 9, who was proclaimed and saluted with the customary Grand Honors.

Subsequently it was reported to the Grand Secretary that, by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. T. J. Cherry, Keewatin, had been installed and invested as District Deputy Grand Master of Algoma District, No. 17, by R. W. Bro. T. W. Chapple, P. D. D. G. M., and that R. W. Bro. S. P. Ford, Norwood, had been installed and invested as District Deputy Grand Master of Otonabee District, No. 20, by R. W. Bro. A. H. C. Long, P. D. D. G. M.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson installed and invested M. W. Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt, M. W. Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and the other newly elected Grand Officers, who were proclaimed, and saluted with the customary Grand Honors.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Scrutineers of the ballot for their efficient services.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge be accorded to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson for his able services in the installation of the M. W., the Grand Master, the R. W., the Deputy Grand Master, of the District Deputy Grand Masters and other officers of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Stevenson responded to the vote of thanks in feeling terms, and exhorted the M. W. the Grand Master, and the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master to make strenuous efforts towards the completion of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed for the able manner in which he has performed the duties of Grand Master during the past two years.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committee to present the testimonial to M. W. Bro. Freed as above resolved: M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, chairman; M. W. Bro. William Gibson and M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, (chairman); and R. W. Bros. S. A. Luke, W. J. Drope, Thomas Rowe, and A. C. Rorabeck, a committee on "The Taking of the Ballot in Lodges," referred to in the Grand Master's address.

INSTRUCTION OF D. D. G. MS.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone to instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally

The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the Most High upon the members of Grand Lodge during the coming recess.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 3.30 o'clock p. m.

Attest.



R. G. G. G.
Grand Secretary.

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24,

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended 31st

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival

Lodge. No. of	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	aNiagara	Niagara	W. on or b. f.m.	William E. Lee.	Sam. Campbell.
3	aThe An. St. John	Kingston	1st Thursday	D. A. Givens.	E. Easton Burns
5	aSussex	Brockville	3rd Monday	B. E. Eck.	Geo. K. Dewey.
6	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday	E. B. O'Reilly.	Geo. H. Bull
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b.f.m.	H. H. Griffith.	A. E. Phipps.
9	aUnion	Napanee	F. on or b. f.m.	H. A. Wood.	W. B. Grieve.
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. F. Misner.	R. E. Gunton.
11	aMoira	Belleville	W. on or b.f.m.	W. W. Anderson	John Newton
14	aTrue Britons	Perth	1st Monday	W. Douglas.	F. V. Buffam.
15	St. Georges'	St. Catharines	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. C. Burch.	A. N. Lindsay.
16	aSt. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	W. A. Maccoomb.	Hy. T. Smith.
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jas. Gillard	Robt. Buck
18	aPrince Edward	Pictou	Th. on or b.f.m.	John Shaw.	E. H. Hubbs.
20	aSt. John's	London	2nd Tuesday	Rd. Booth.	M. D. Dawson.
21a	aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill.	Tu. on or b.f.m.	S. Appleby.	D. F. McRae.
22	aKing Solomon's	Toronto	2nd Thursday	Geo. Carruthers.	J. McL. Hartley.
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. H. Legge.	H. A. Nichols.
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	F. on or b.f.m.	S. E. Waffle.	G. W. Fluker.
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	S. W. Smith	Eric N. Armour
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday	R. W. Smart.	W. J. Robertson
27	aLodge of Str't Obs	Hamilton	3rd Friday	A. W. Peene.	W. C. Morton.
28	aMount Zion	Kemptville	W. b.f.m.	A. Robinson	S. H. Guest.
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. D. Bullock.	B. C. H. Becker
30	aComposite	Whitby	1st Thursday	John Ard.	E. S. McCormack
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville.	W. on or b.f.m.	F. H. Kydd.	A. S. Moorecraft
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or a.f.m.	H. E. Arderlay.	W. D. Patterson
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	W. S. Turnbull.	Jas. H. Tigert
34	aThistle	Amherstburg	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. R. Hackett.	A. E. Wright.
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m.	S. P. McGovern.	J. W. Sheppard
37	aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	W. H. Thompson	R. T. Agar.
38	aTrent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m.	B. H. Siddall	R. H. Spencer.
39	aMount Zion	Brooklin	Tu on or b.f.m.	James Moore	John J. Moore.
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	R. A. Thompson	W. J. McAllister
41	aSt. George's	Kingsville	Th. on or b.f.m.	B. S. Sheldon.	Geo. Rumble.
42	aSt. George's	London	1st Thursday	S. P. Reynolds.	A. Ellis.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	D. C. Whitehead.	A. McGachie.
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	F. W. Judd.	L. Slater.
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	J. C. Montgomery	Geo. Whitwill
46	aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday	D. E. Russell.	Alex Gregory.
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	Th. on or b.f.m.	John Norbury.	Geo. E. White.
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Alex McGregor	L. T. Morrice.
50	aConsecon	Consecon	F on or b.f.m.	E. M. Johnston	E. P. Cox.
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	J. R. Hill.	H. W. Jackson.
54	aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jas. A. Cameron	J. B. McLean.
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	N. H. Lang.	G. B. Magee.
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday	A. E. Kaiser	F. C. Watson.
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	W. on or b.f.m.	B. A. Smith	E. J. Whitworth
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday	C. W. Jeffery.	A. H. Armstrong
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	Hugh Murray	M. S. M. Long.
62	aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m.	Harrison Arrell	John Thompson
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	2nd Wednesday	J. H. Moore.	A. T. Hudson.
64	aKilwinning	London	3rd Thursday	J. E. Johnson.	R. W. Glover.
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday	Chas. W. Dill.	G. H. Mitchell.
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Gibson.	A. W. McLeod.
68	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	Wm. J. Peters.	S. M. Douglas.
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	Geo. H. Rose.	G. W. Bailey.
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	T. F. Campbell.	A. J. Oliver.
73	aSt. James	St. Mary's	1st Monday	John Hylands.	A. Carman.
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	M. nearest f.m.	A. J. Bissell.	C. B. Murray.
75	St. John's	Toronto	1st Monday	Arch Fairgrieve	J. M. Owston.

1909, AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

May, 1909, and Ledger Balances at that Date.

of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodges.	Initial'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Rest'd.	Total M' m' b's	Last Ret'ns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger.		
														Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
2	10	7	5	1		2					85	June '09	60 50			
3	7	5	5	4	6	1	1				181	" "	110 00	7 25		
5	12	12	12	2	1	2	4				248	" "	156 75			
6	13	12	13	8	4	6	4				392	" "	330 25	3 00		
7	4	2	3	5	3						94	" "	71 00			
9	6	6	8	2	3	1					135	" "	148 00			
10	3	6	4	1	4						135	" "	140 25			
11	18	19	21	2	4	1				4	256	" "	193 00	3 00		
14	12	6	2	1		2					115	Dec. '08	99 50			
15	2	3	5	1		1	7			1	101	June, '09	73 50			
16	31	31	33	6	6	4	3			4	376	" "	218 75			
17	6	6	5	1	1		4				114	" "	89 00	25		
18	11	11	9	1	2	13					233	" "	150 75			
20	3	7	10	2	1	1					252	Dec. 1908	186 00		4 00	
21a	3	3	3		8	2					64	June, '09	54 00			
22	15	13	16	6	2	5	11			2	282	" "	215 50	75		
23					1						45	" "	26 50			
24	2	3	3	3	4	2					145	" "	80 75			
25	17	19	15	10	5	2					280	" "	122 25	58 00		
26	4	6	6	2	3	3					140	" "	89 00	1 00		
27	12	11	7	2	3	7					391	" "	224 00		3 00	
28	1		1								59	Dec. 1908	43 25	25		
29	1		3	1	5						116	June, '09	71 75		50	
30	2	1	1	2	2	1	2				75	" "	52 25			
31	7	9	9		1	1					102	" "	67 25	2 25		
32	6	5	5	1							115	" "	68 00			
33	6	7	5	1							132	" "	95 50			
34	10	9	8	1			4			1	102	" "	95 00	1 00		
35	7	7	6	2		2	2				1	72	Dec. 1908	60 50		
37	6	10	10	1	1		4			1	134	June, '09	103 50		1 00	
38	5	5	6	2	4		1				116	" "	73 00			
39	8	10	10	1							45	" "	37 25		6 50	
40	13	16	17	6	4	8	3			3	447	" "	268 50			
41	6	4	6	1	5		3			3	96	" "	56 00			
42	11	8	8	2	3	3		1			147	Dec. 1908	110 50			
43	20	17	17	1	1						182	June, '09	133 25			
44	20	19	18	2	1		3			2	282	" "	208 50			
45	29	12	6	5	4	3	4				235	" "	145 00	10 00		
46	15	18	13	3	6	4	1				202	Dec. 1908	149 75			
47	51	45	43	10	3	3	4			3	283	June, '09	301 00			
48	6	5	3		3	1	4				117	" "	121 00		1 50	
50	1	1	2	1	1						57	" "	30 75			
52	22	15	24	3	5					1	264	" "	198 00			
54	2	3	3	1	1	1					44	" "	33 25			
55			2	4	2						93	" "	42 75	75		
56	9	6	5	3	5	2					218	" "	135 00	75		
57	13	9	11	2	5	1				3	51	" "	60 75			
58	9	8	6	3	3	4				2	178	" "	108 00		5 00	
61	20	17	13	9	3	2	1				399	" "	263 00			
62	3	6	6		1					2	57	" "	26 75	17 75		
63	4	4	3	2	1	3					157	" "	92 25			
64	9	10	12		2	1	5			1	24	" "	144 00			
65	29	29	33	2	1	3	4				93	" "	322 00	1 00		
66	4	7	4								40	Dec. 1908	74 25		25	
68	10	10	9	1	1	2					101	June, '09	80 25			
69	9	5	5	5	4					2	77	" "	47 00			
72	6	6	5	3	2	3				1	138	" "	75 75			
73	10	10	11	1	2						85	Dec. 1908	73 00	1 00		
74	3	3	4		1						72	June, '09	56 55	25		
75	4	4	8	1		2	2			2	299	Dec. 1908	168 75	3 00		

No. of Lodges.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
76	aOxford	Woodstock	2nd Monday	E. E. Dougall	J. W. Dutton
77	aFaithful Brethr'n	Lindsay	1st Friday	Robt. Nugent	R. G. Cornell
78	aKing Hiram	Tillsonburg	W. on or b.f.m.	W. D. Robertson	A. E. Raynes
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	4th Monday	C. W. Ellis	A. E. Scanlon
81	aSt. John's	Mt. Brydges	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. H. Kinder	Thos. B. West
82	St. John's	Paris	2nd Tuesday	C. McCausland	P. Buckley
83	aBeaver	Strathroy	F. a.f.m.	R. M. Trueman	R. T. Richards
84	Clinton	Clinton	F. on or a.f.m.	H. McBrien	H. B. Chant
85	aRising Sun	Athens	Th. on or b.f.m.	Wm. J. Hamblen	I. C. Alguire
86	aWilson	Toronto	3rd Tuesday	E. B. Fletcher	R. W. Park'son
87	Markham Union	Markham	F. on or b.f.m.	Robt. Canning	R. W. Groves
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	W. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Menzies	J. M. Campbell
90	aManito	Collingwood	W. on or a.f.m.	C. T. Stephens	C. B. Adair
91	aColborne	Colborne	F. on or b.f.m.	C. H. Fenton	Geo. Keyes
92	aCataragui	Kingston	2nd Wednesday	W. S. R. Murch	Robt. Hendry
93	Northern Light	Kincardine	1st Wednesday	J. B. Watson	M. J. McPherson
94	aSt. Mark's	Port Stanley	2nd Tuesday	W. Mitchell	Wm. H. Mariot
96	aCorinthian	Barrie	1st Thursday	Warren Johnson	Alfred Wilkes
97	aSharon	Queensville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Samuel Miller	J. T. Power
98	True Blue	Bolton	F. on or a.f.m.	E. L. Bice	A. E. Bolton
99	aTuscan	Newmarket	2nd Wednesday	C. H. R. Clark	A. S. Williams
100	Valley	Dundas	2nd Monday	Wm. Mount	F. A. Latshaw
101	aCorinthian	Peterboro	3rd Friday	W. G. Morrow	F. D. Kerr
103	aMaple Leaf	St. Catharines	Last Thursday	W. W. Burleigh	H. J. Johnston
104	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a.f.m.	E. W. Moles	G. W. Poldon
105	aSt. Mark's	N. Falls S'th	Tu. on or b.f.m.	N. R. Carr	R. Sloggett
106	aBurford	Burford	W. on or b.f.m.	David Stevenson	Geo. Armstrong
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b.f.m.	C. L. Birtwistle	H. Poole
108	Blenheim	Princeton	F. on or a.f.m.	A. S. Courtney	F. J. Daniel
109	aAlbion	Harrowsmith	F. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Burton	J. T. McKim
110	aCentral	Prescott	1st Tuesday	J. C. Carruthers	J. F. Graham
113	aWilson	Waterford	W. on or b.f.m.	Horace Contelo	R. D. Gibson
114	aHope	Port Hope	1st Friday	Josh. McMahon	Thos. H. Bell
115	aIvy	Beamsville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. R. Woodland	S. J. Wilson
116	aCassia	Thedford	M. on or b.f.m.	John Morrison	H. S. Clerke
118	Union	Schomberg	M. on or b.f.m.	F. E. Leonard	M. K. Dillane
119	aMaple Leaf	Bath	M. before f.m.	E. P. Shepherd	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren	Fingal	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Francis	C. P. Silcox
121	aDoric	Brantford	3rd Friday	T. R. Logan	Jas. C. Spence
122	aRenfrew	Renfrew	1st Monday	David Barr	M. McKinnon
123	aThe Belleville	Belleville	1st Thursday	C. F. Wallbridge	David Barraga
125	aCornwall	Cornwall	1st Wednesday	J. C. Milligan	John Ridley
126	aGolden Rule	Campbellford	Tu. on or b.f.m.	O. C. Watson	Geo. A. Benor
127	aFrankok	Frankford	M. before f.m.	T. H. Ketcheson	A. S. Howell
128	aPembroke	Pembroke	1st Thursday	R. B. Harrison	J. O. Hunter
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	1st Friday	H. W. Filkin	W. H. Birchall
131	aSt. Lawrence	Southampton	Tu. on or a.f.m.	John McVittie	E. J. Mitchell
133	aLebanon Forest	Exeter	M. on or b.f.m.	D. W. Collins	C. H. Sanders
135	aSt. Clair	Milton	Th. on or b.f.m.	Robt. Pewtress	John Irving
136	Richardson	Stouffville	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. A. Sangster	J. W. Shankel
137	aPythagoras	Meaford	F. nearest f.m.	Geo. H. Hair	F. A. Clarke
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday	T. H. McMurtry	A. R. McLean
140	aMalahide	Aylmer	W. on or b.f.m.	J. L. Milard	J. R. Woods
141	aTudor	Mitchell	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. P. Nichols	H. E. Amoss
142	aExcelsior	Morrisburg	F. on or b.f.m.	G. M. Gorrell	B. B. Tucker
143	aFriendly Bros.	Iroquois	Wed. b.f.m.	S. W. Woods	A. B. Carman
144	aTecumseh	Stratford	3rd Friday	S. B. Gray	R. J. Stevenson
145	aJ. B. Hall	Millbrook	Th. or or b.f.m.	Chas. Thorndyke	D. Hampton
146	aPrince of Wales	Newburgh	Wed. b.f.m.	Thos. J. Winter	G. A. Aylesworth
147	aMississippi	Almonte	1st Friday	N. Washburn	M. H. Steele
148	aCivil Service	Ottawa	2nd Tuesday	H. W. Chambl'n	Thos. Lawson
149	aErie	Port Dover	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Fasken	J. R. Davis

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Ret'ns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal
76	15	16	14	...	5	6	8	...	...	2	192	June, '09	158 00	3 00	...
77	13	10	9	1	6	2	2	1	...	...	188	...	137 25	...	...
78	12	9	7	...	4	2	...	...	...	1	170	...	99 60	...	2 00
79	3	3	6	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	71	...	55 00	1 00	...
81	3	3	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	94	...	117 25	...	...
82	9	9	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	77	...	74 25	...	...
83	10	6	5	2	5	2	5	...	...	...	114	...	1 00	3 00	...
84	6	4	2	1	4	...	4	...	...	...	81	...	57 75	...	...
85	4	4	5	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	73	...	47 00	4 25	...
86	22	23	23	2	1	...	6	...	...	...	317	...	228 25	4 00	...
87	5	3	2	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	81	...	71 00	6 00	...
88	9	7	8	1	2	4	...	...	...	1	157	...	101 25	1 00	...
90	12	10	14	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	199	June, '09	157 75	1 00	...
91	5	6	9	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	108	...	99 50	...	...
92	10	8	9	3	2	3	4	...	...	2	187	Dec. 1908	136 00	...	10 50
93	4	5	4	2	...	2	4	...	...	...	99	June, '09	67 75	...	...
94	2	4	5	...	...	2	10	...	...	2	62	...	45 75	...	...
96	5	8	9	6	1	2	8	...	...	...	193	...	140 75	...	...
97	4	3	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	29 00	...	1 00
98	3	3	2	2	4	1	...	...	...	...	56	June, '08	32 00	2 00	...
99	11	9	7	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	86	June, '09	...	72 25	...
100	14	15	12	1	...	3	2	...	...	1	145	...	103 50	...	...
101	6	8	8	2	3	3	...	...	...	1	144	...	129 50	1 00	...
103	11	8	8	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	188	...	118 50	...	...
104	7	7	8	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	104	...	78 00	...	...
105	4	6	11	1	...	2	3	...	...	...	134	...	109 25	...	...
106	3	3	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	81	...	53 50	...	6 50
107	5	6	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	73	...	51 50	...	...
108	5	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	46 25	...	3 00
109	6	5	5	1	1	3	...	...	...	1	70	...	51 75	...	...
110	4	3	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	8	123	...	75 50	...	...
113	9	6	6	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	135	...	93 25	...	...
114	8	9	8	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	148	...	115 50	...	...
115	7	5	5	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	119	...	43 00	40 25	...
116	4	5	5	1	2	...	3	...	...	1	42	...	34 50	...	...
118	3	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	...	25 25	11 75	...
119	6	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	66	...	35 25	50	...
120	1	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	53	...	30 00	...	...
121	21	23	18	7	1	1	...	...	...	1	414	...	281 75	6 90	...
122	10	7	6	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	119	...	67 75	1 50	...
123	17	13	11	3	3	1	2	...	...	1	215	...	144 85	...	...
125	1	2	2	1	2	...	9	...	...	...	119	...	78 25	...	...
126	10	8	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	...	56 00	...	...
127	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	...	...	2	101	...	57 50	...	...
128	4	3	3	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	145	...	86 75	...	...
129	7	7	9	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	99	...	96 25	49 25	...
131	7	5	6	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	81	...	55 50	...	...
133	5	6	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	96	...	68 50	2 50	...
135	2	5	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	2	98	Dec., 19'8	55 00	...	...
136	8	5	3	1	6	...	2	...	...	1	64	June, '09	46 75	...	...
137	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	...	124 25	...	...
139	15	12	11	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	100	Dec. 1908	98 00	1 50	...
140	3	1	1	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	105	June, '09	85 25	...	...
141	5	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	54	Dec. 1908	47 25	1 50	...
142	2	2	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	69	June, '09	54 75	...	...
143	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107	Dec. 1907	63 00	1 00	...
144	6	6	7	1	5	2	1	...	...	3	187	June, '09	130 25	...	...
145	4	6	3	...	2	2	4	...	...	...	58	June, '09	50 75	...	...
146	7	8	8	...	1	1	45	...	36 25
147	2	3	4	...	3	86	...	57 00
148	8	5	7	1	1	2	155	Dec., '08	110 25
149	2	3	3	1	...	1	69	June, '09	48 75

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
151	aThe Grand River	Berlin	2nd Tuesday	A. Lockhart	D. H. Houston
153	aBurns	Wyoming	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. B. Jones	R. Coghlan
154	aIrving	Lucan	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. T. Banting	T. G. Thompson
155	aPeterboro	Peterboro	1st Friday	Wm. Hill	W. H. Walkey
156	aYork	N. Toronto	3rd Friday	Thos. J. Heron	Hy. G. Cooper
157	aSimpson	Newboro	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John E. Dier	Jos. H. Butler
158	aAlexandra	Oil Springs	Thursday a.f.m.	J. W. Sutherland	W. S. Duggan
159	aGoodwood	Richmond	1st Tuesday	J. A. Cummings	Rev. C. Saddington
161	aPercy	Warksworth	Wed. b.f.m.	J. H. Stone	W. A. Losie
162	aForest	Wroxeter	M. on or b.f.m.	G. Davidson	Thos. Brown
164	aStar in the East	Wellington	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. Haight	W. W. Fitzgerald
165	aBurlington	Burlington	W. on or b.f.m.	A. C. Cummins	H. A. Graham
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m.	J. E. Orr	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m.	Harry Ford	John Coulson
169	aMacnab	Port Colborne	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John Cook	Wm. Bowden
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday	G. McL. Chesney	L. C. Jackson
171	aPrince of Wales	Lawrence St'n	F. on or a.f.m.	J. Pollick	J. A. McIntyre
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. Gourlay	J. P. Wyllie
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. P. Barnett	James Ryan
177	The Builders	Ottawa	2nd Friday	E. A. Oliver	H. H. Cairns
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	F. on or b.f.m.	Thos. J. Pratt	W. R. Hendersn
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday	T. J. Moore	W. G. Stephensn
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu. on or b.f.m.	M. G. Burwell	Gordon Emery
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Th. on or b.f.m.	C. W. Sanders	A. B. McLeod
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m.	Jas. Walpole	F. W. Brown
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet	M. on or b.f.m.	Geo. A. Gixon	John Smith
190	aBelmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m.	C. O. Linson	Jas. McMillan
192	aOrillia	Orillia	F. on or b.f.m.	D. C. Thomson	G. A. Cole
193	aScotland	Scotland	M. on or b.f.m.	Stephen Miller	A. E. Beaton
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	2nd Wednesday	Rich. Bryant	E. Preston
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday	C. H. Ziegler	P. W. D. Brodick
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	2nd Monday	Thos. E. Lloyd	Hy. Newham
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	2nd Tuesday	H. B. Currie	W. B. Thompsn
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	F. on or b.f.m.	E. B. Yule	T. E. Speirs
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Chas. A. Watt	R. G. Graham
203	aIrvine	Elora	3rd Friday	J. W. McCully	Thos. Godfrey
205	aNew Dominion	New Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m.	W. J. Sutherland	S. G. Holley
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. J. Johnston	W. N. McGillis
209a	aSt. John's	London	1st Friday	D. H. Bowen	J. E. Keenleyside
209	aEvergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday	W. J. Rothwell	Alex. Buffam
212	aElysian	Garden Island	1st Monday	John Gray	B. H. Williams
215	aLake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m.	C. H. Brooks	Jas. E. Glenn
216	aHarris	Orangeville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. D. McKittrick	D. McPherson
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m.	T. E. Morgan	L. E. Wedd
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2nd Monday	W. H. Woodstock	J. H. Horswell
219	aCredit	Georgetown	F. on or b.f.m.	G. H. Ramsden	A. R. Mills
220	aZerodatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m.	J. H. Chinn	G. E. Gilfillan
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m.	Geo. McClure	D. J. C. Munro
222	aMarmora	Marmora	M. on or b.f.m.	W. C. Inkster	C. A. Bleecker
223	aNorwood	Norwood	M. on or b.f.m.	Fred. Anderson	J. F. Pearce
224	aZurich	Hensall	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. J. Doherty	Jas. Bonthron
225	aBernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m.	Jas. Donaldson	J. J. Foster
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m.	S. J. Sproule	Robt. Bennett
229	aIonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday	J. A. Underhill	W. H. McFadden
230	aKerr	Barrie	3rd Friday	Meaford Webb	J. F. Smith
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday	N. Cobban	Jno. F. Stewart
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m.	W. Hockin	A. E. Roberts
233	aDoric	Park Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m.	T. H. Newell	F. T. Zaphe
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jas. Gilson	J. H. Dickinson
235	aAldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m.	R. B. Grant	J. P. Fisher
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	Tu. on or a.f.m.	F. S. Rounthwaite	H. I. Ross
237	aVienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m.	Robt. McLean	S. S. Clutton

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														Dr.Bal.	Cr.Bal
151	7	7	4	1	3	1	1				191	..	133 00		
153	7	5	5		4	1				2	99	..	89 25		
154	7	5	4	2	2	1					75	..	43 50	1 50	
155	10	14	15		1						226	..	183 25		
156	12	12	13		3	1				1	173	..	153 00	6 25	
157	5	5	5								69	..	40 50		
158	6	3	3	1	4	2	2			1	67	..	49 75		
159	10	9	8		2						88	..	51 50		
161	3	3	4		1	1	2				80	..	33 75		
162	1	1	1		2	1	4				42	..	32 25		
164	3	1	3		2						123	..	135 75	3 00	
165	7	6	7	2							113	..	87 00		
166	6	7	7		3	2					138	..	93 25		
168	8	9	4	4	1	1					112	..	73 50		
169	10	12	7	1	2	1	2			1	79	..	57 75	2 25	
170	3	3	1		3	2					96	..	70 75	1 00	
171	3	3	3		4	2					8	..	18 00	4 25	
172				2	1						43	..	21 00		
174							2				61	Dec. '08	34 25		25
177	17	14	12	3	2	1					211	June, '09	126 50		
178					3						40	..	22 00		25
180	11	8	7	2			2			1	79	June, '09	63 00		
181	1				1		2				34	..	19 25		25
184	7	4	5	2		2	4				106	..	74 75	2 75	
185	3	3	3		4		2				26	..	20 25	4 75	
186	5	4	4	1						1	55	..	29 75	3 00	
190	7	9	9	2							71	..	55 75		
192	19	5	3	3	4	1	1			1	198	..	117 75	7 50	
193	3	4	3	1	3	4	4			2	88	..	73 75		
194	8	6	1		3	2	1			1	86	..	50 25	2 80	
195	5	3	3	3	1	1					83	..	73 00	14 50	
196	4	5	3		1	2				1	109	..	65 00	1 00	
197	5	5	7		2		4				72	..	39 75		
200	2	2	2	2						1	63	..		42 50	
201	4	8	7	2	3	2					152	..	93 00		
203	1	3	3	2			2				70	..	47 25		
205	1	1	1				2				39	..	26 00		
207	6	6	5		5						74	..	2 50		
209a	20	20	18	3	3	2	7				314	..	199 25		
209	2	2	1			1					50	..			
212	1										24	June, '07			
215	1	2	2		2						70	..	34 75		
216	6	6	7	3	2	3	1			1	163	June, '09	114 00		
217	5	5	2		1	3					62	..	16 25	33 00	
218	16	10	9		5	6	10			3	228	..	149 50	3 00	
219	3	5	5	3		2					89	..	59 50	7 50	
220	5	1	2	2	1	3					93	..	25 75	90	
221	2	1	1		1	2					130	Dec., '08	99 25		
222	6	6	5			1	1			1	79	June, '09	60 50		50
223	3	5	5		2	2	1				91	..	41 25	32 00	
224	7	5	2	2			4				87	..	47 25		25
225	1	3	8			2	2			1	88	..	62 00		
228	1				2	1	1			1	43	..	31 25	1 00	
229	7	11	10	6	3	1					100	..	67 50	3 00	
230	2	1	1	2			2				105	..	58 00	3 00	
231	17	20	21	1	1	5	2			1	199	..	162 75	50	
232	4	3	1	1	6		6				60	..	50 75		
233	11	7	6	1	3						72	..	39 25	3 00	
234	4	8	7	1	2	1	2				76	June, '09	78 50		
235	9	7	8	1							65	..	47 75		3 00
236	8	8	10			4		3		1	70	..	79 25		
237	1	1	2		1						56	..	41 00		

Returns of Lodges as at June 24, 1909

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	Secretary.	W. Master.
238	Havelock	Watford	Tues. b.f.m.	Jas. A. Hobbs	H. R. Stuart
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m.	J. F. Houston	Jas. Murray
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m.	C. W. Mallory	R. H. McCalpine
243	aSt. George	St. George	M. on or b.f.m.	F. S. Braithwaite	E. M. Chalcraft
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Chas. Hubbell	Robt. Pye
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday	L. F. Riggs	W. H. Best
249	aCaledonian	Midland	M. on or b.f.m.	J. S. McDowell	S. McVicker
250	Thistle	Embro	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Beaver	C. M. Creighton
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday	G. A. Mahood	T. D. Minnes
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	1st Thursday	T. W. Shackel	S. D. Warren
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2nd Thursday	C. H. Hughes	Jno. Watson
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville	W. on or b.f.m.	E. L. Brown	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday	Robt. Clark	J. A. Carrick
258	Guelph	Guelph	2nd Tuesday	C. R. Barber	R. T. Powell
259	Springfield	Springfield	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. J. Atkin	M. M. Black
260	aWashington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	Jas. Wilson	B. Dunlop
261	aOak Branch	Innerskip	Th. on or b.f.m.	T. M. Whiteside	R. Q. Irving
262	aHarriston	Harriston	2nd Monday	R. J. Henry	C. Scudamore
263	aForest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m.	D. D. Brodie	P. W. Campbell
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	Thos. Saunders	W. E. Hayes, jr
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. W. M. Cousins	J. E. Francis
266	aNorthern Light	Stayner	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Lewis Glenn	H. C. Shepherd
267	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	J. W. Draper	J. W. Plewes
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m.	T. E. Mulligan	Wm. J. Read
269	aBrougham Union	Claremont	W. on or a.f.m.	R. H. L. Phillips	R. E. Forsyth
270	aCedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	F. E. Hare	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m.	Alfonso Nodwell	D. Campbell
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu. on or b.f.m.	T. W. Farmer	John Pickard
274	aKent	Blenheim	M. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Millar	J. Crookshank
276	aTeeswater	Teeswater	Th. on or b.f.m.	G. H. Haserflug	J. W. G. Colvin
277	aSeymour	Port Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m.	John Berry	John Green
279	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m.	C. K. Henderson	Jno. Jardine
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m.	M. C. Elliott	W. K. Foncar
283	aEureka	Belleville	W. a.f.m.	A. R. Walker	W. J. Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m.	S. H. Jackson	M. Black
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or a.f.m.	W. J. Asaph	W. S. Ellis
286	Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	A. M. Crawford	J. A. Morton
287	aShuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	Thos. N. Andrew	John Forde
289	aDoric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Mason	P. L. Graham
290	aLeamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m.	H. D. Robinson	W. A. Baker
291	aDufferin	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m.	Wm. R. Ireland	Alfred Jones
292	aRobertson	King	M. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Stone	A. Carley
294	aMoore	Courtright	Th. on or b.f.m.	F. J. Tully	R. G. Stewart
295	aConestogo	Drayton	1st Tues. e.m.	Jesse T. Jack	Calvert Scarr
296	aTemple	St. Catharines	Last Wednesday	Wm. J. Vickers	K. G. Beeton
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m.	T. W. Kirby	H. L. Clare
299	Victoria	Centreville	Th. on or b.f.m.	S. D. Wagar	Robert Cox
300	aMount Olivet	Thornedale	Tu. on or b.f.m.	H. W. McCutcheon	M. N. Wright
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	H. T. Gough	F. S. Lewis
303	aBlyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m.	B. H. Hamilton	J. M. Hamilton
304	aMinerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jno. S. Leonard	Jas. Black
305	Humber	Weston	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. B. Moffat	A. J. McEwen
306	Durham	Durham	2nd Tuesday	Jno. A. Graham	Jas. R. Gunn
307	aArkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Conkey	Fred Nelson
309	aMorning Star	Carlow	W. on or b.f.m.	Arch. Jackson	John Varcoe
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m.	Alex. Houston	D. Norton
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m.	H. N. Smith	E. E. Parker
313	aClementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	J. M. Bygott	O. A. Langley
314	aBlair	Palmerston	Fri. after f.m.	P. J. Fasken	H. Hyndman
315	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	Geo. E. Robb	M. B. Mathews
316	aDoric	Toronto	3rd Thursday	J. A. Montgomery	J. B. Sutherland
318	aWilmot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m.	J. R. Livingston	J. A. Butler

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. O.	Ex- pelled.	Rest'd.	Total, amb's	Last Ret'ns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal
238	7	6	4		3	1	4			1	71	"	78 00		
239	3	5	6		1	3					111	"	73 00	11 50	
242	3	3	3			2					88	"	54 75		
243	2	5	4								82	"	57 00		
245	4	5	4		1						64	"	48 25		
247	18	20	19	3	3	4	2				336	"	214 00		25
249	11	18	16	3	6	1	8				144	"	103 00		1 25
250	4	3	3								30	"	9 00	6 75	
253	4	1	1		1		3				108	Dec., '08	81 00		50
254	19	21	20	1		2	4				176	June, '09	132 50	2 25	
255			1								74	Dec., '08	45 50		3 00
256	6	6	6	1	1	1					83	June, '09	2 00	64 00	
257	12	13	12	4	5	2					155	"	100 50		
258	12	12	11	2	2		1				121	"	105 75		50
259	7	8	7	1	1						56	"	44 75	3 00	
260	13	11	9	1	2		2				121	"	112 25	3 00	
261	1	1	1	1							32	"	22 00		
262	4	5	4	2		1					93	"	65 75	25	
263	6	4	1	2	2	1					81	"	54 00		
264	21	19	22	3	3	3					203	"	181 00		1 00
265	1	2	5		1						54	"	49 50		
266			1		1						29	"	33 75		1 75
267	12	15	14	3	3	1					156	Dec., '08	118 50	1 00	
268	6	3	2	2							58	June, '09	33 25		
269	2	2	2								67	Dec., '08	77 75	73 00	
270	11	9	10		1	1					95	"	113 50		
271	4	4	3		1						71	June, '09	50 25		
272	17	16	13	5	2	3					125	Dec., '08	103 50		
274	8	11	7	6	5						99	"	80 00	24 25	
276	2	1	1	1	2						36	June, '09	21 00		
277	3	2	2			1	2				49	June, '09	28 50		
279	6	6	5	1	2	2	5				75	"			
282	5	3	6	4							71	June, '09	66 50	1 00	
283	3	9	7		2						96	"	57 25	75	
284	9	9	8		2	1	2			2	77	"	63 25		
285	6	5	1		3	1	7				77	"	53 00		
286	9	4	3	1	4	2	3			1	88	"	53 25		
287	20	17	12	1	2	4	1			1	205	"	166 50	3 00	
289	5	4	2		2	1				2	47	"	35 00		
290	13	10	13		3	2	8			1	129	"	51 50	41 50	
291	10	9	10		4	1					97	"	72 00		
292	2	3	3		1		2				45	"	33 50		
294	2	2	3	1			1				49	"	34 00		
295	2	5	3	1	3		3			1	58	Dec., '08	24 25	30 50	
296	9	9	12								86	June, '09	67 75		
297	7	5	4	3	2						63	"	45 00		50
299	3	4	4								49	"	38 15		
300	4	4									49	"	34 00		6 00
302	15	13	14	3	3	4	7			2	224	"	159 00	77 00	
303	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	56	"	42 50		
304	17	6	5		1						85	"	57 50		
305	4	3	5		2		2				65	"	64 25		
306	3	4	4		1		9			2	61	"	55 50		6 00
307	3		1		1						40	"	19 75		
309	5	5	6			3	4			1	55	"	1 00		25
311	10	9	8	1	2	1				2	59	Dec., '08	99 75	7 00	
312	5	5	9		5	1	2			1	102	June, '09	78 25		
313	6	3	3	2		3					77	"	42 50		
314	7	7	3	2			3				90	"	58 50		
315	7	13	13	2	7	3	3			1	55	"	48 25		
316		2	3		6	2	5	1		1	366	Dec., '08	171 00	3 00	
318	2	2	3							1	28	June, '09	22 75		25

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
319	aHiram	Hagersville	Th. on or b.f.m.	T. Beswetherick	R. McDonald
320	aChesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m.	Geo. H. Steer	A. S. Morrison
321	aWalker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m.	Robt. Shaw	W. Stark
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound	W. a.f.m.	A. E. Rankin	D. R. Dobie
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m.	J. B. Martyn	W. E. Germain
324	aTemple	Hamilton	2nd Tuesday	R. H. Cowan	Thos. Pedler
325	aOrono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m.	T. W. Jackson	R. Z. Hall
326	aZetland	Toronto	4th Friday	J. B. Hutchins	J. H. Macabe
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	S. D. Jamieson	H. A. Wilson
328	aIonic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Waddell	W. L. Toohill
329	aKing Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m.	R. W. Smith	Jas. Noble
330	aCorinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	F. G. Tulett	H. C. Simpson
331	aFordwich	Fordwich	Th. on or b.f.m.	Thos. McKee	A. C. Hutchison
332	aStratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	T. G. Delmere	F. J. Scarff
333	aPrince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m.	T. A. Blakely	Wm. J. Bellamy
334	aPrince Arthur	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. W. Broc'lbnk	Peter Gregg
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m.	J. W. Ward	Jas. Caswell
337	aMyrtle	Port Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. D. Marshall	Wm. Grisdale
338	aDufferin	Wellandport	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Fred. Lint	Jas. A. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto	1st Tuesday	Hy. Scholey	F. H. Anderson
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. W. Kippen	D. A. McLaren
343	aGeorgina	Toronto	1st Saturday	J. J. Speirs	Geo. Thompson
344	aMerrill	Dorchester S'n	Th. on or b.f.m.	P. C. Banghart	W. J. Canning
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. E. Gracey	A. O. Barrow
346	aThe Occident	Toronto	3rd Wednesday	J. W. Lawrence	C. O. Wightman
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday	T. W. Milne	J. V. Watkins
348	aGeorgian	Penetan'she	1st Thursday	H. M. Warnock	W. H. Hewson
349	aGranite	Parry Sound	3rd Wednesday	J. P. Weeks	J. H. Knifton
354	aBrook	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m.	W. D. Jewett	J. A. Kift
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	T. L. Kennedy	J. W. Roswell
357	aTowdown	Millgrove	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Harry Brooks	Ken. Cummins
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m.	Leonard Stillson	Wm. Harker
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m.	Thos. Pope	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	1st Tuesday	M. P. McKay	F. P. Warne
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday	R. H. Brydon	J. B. Proudfoot
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m.	W. C. Croome	L. G. Briggs
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m.	Geo. E. Griffith	Jas. A. McEwen
367	aSt. George	Toronto	1st Friday	A. C. Larter	R. C. Gallaher
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday	Fred Bellamy	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico	Lambton Mills	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. E. Woodill	Vernon Ide
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m.	R. Hanna	J. W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday	J. McK. Skead	J. B. Wright
372	aPalmer	Bracebridge	Tu. on or a.f.m.	A. B. Hurrell	J. G. Watts
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thursday	P. Hennings	Thos. Main
374	aKeene	Keene	Th. on or b.f.m.	Jas. McNeil	A. D. Anderson
375	aLorne	Omeme	1st Monday	J. A. Thompson	W. J. Thorn
376	aUnity	Huntsville	2nd Wednesday	H. E. Rice	D. M. Grant
377	aLorne	Shelburne	1st Friday	A. E. Rosevear	J. A. Mills
378	aKing Solomon's	London West	2nd Thursday	H. McPherson	Wm. Nicholl
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Kimball	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday	D. C. Davidson	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	3rd Monday	Geo. B. Perry	C. V. Emory
383	aHenderson	W. Winchester	F. on or b.f.m.	S. A. Woods	F. Henderson
384	aAlpha	Toronto	1st Thursday	G. R. Chapman	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m.	Chas. Andrews	W. I. Colwell
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. A. McColl	A. Petherick
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Th. on or b.f.m.	E. R. Bradley	D. A. Haig
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	M. on or b.f.m.	R. H. Morgan	Jas. L. Robson
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m.	J. B. Checkley	W. B. Moffatt
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Drew	W. A. Kelly
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m.	D. R. McDiarmid	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Camllachie	W. on or b.f.m.	F. W. McCordic	A. Trusler

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														Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal
319	8	4	4	1		2					84	"	37 75	3 00	
320	4	4	3							2	72	"	22 50		
321	4	4	4		1	1					58	"	41 25		
322	7	3	7		2	1	8			2	171	"	126 75		
323		1	2				3				69	"	47 25		2 00
324	10	12	14	2	7	2				3	348	"	223 25	1 50	
325	1	3	4		1	3	6			2	40	Dec., '08	42 00		
326	14	19	22	3	5	3				2	516	June, '09	238 25	3 00	
327	2	1	1	1	3						24	"	50 00		75
328	9	7	2		1	1					37	"	38 75		25
329	2	2		2	2	2					65	"	29 25		
330	17	18	19	2		2					174	"	82 75	56 25	
331	2	2	2		3	1					39	"	29 50		1 25
332	8	8	7	1	7	7	7				157	"	104 25		
333	3	3	5	1	4						57	"	67 75		
334	1	1	2		1						58	Dec., '08	34 00		
336	1	1	1			2	1				59	June, '09	35 50		
337	2	3	3							4	52	"	32 50		
338	1	1	3				1			1	71	"	46 75	40 75	
339	8	6	9	3	2	2	7			1	315	"	166 00		
341	7	3	3				1	1		1	68	Dec., '08	24 00	92 00	
343	24	19	17	7	8	6	8				285	June, '09	251 50	3 00	
344	5	3	4	2			1			1	50	"	45 25		
345	6	5	7	2	1		1				54	"	58 00		
346	20	22	22	5	5	8	6			3	269	"	198 50		
347	2	2	3	2	1	3				1	60	"	51 00		
348	6	5	5								83	Dec., '08	101 50		
352	11	7	4	2	1	1					115	June, '09	75 75	1 75	
354	5	5	1			1					67	"	21 50		
356	3	3	4		1						56	"	28 50	16 75	
357	12	13	10		1	1	2				106	"	80 05		
358	3	6	5		1	1					48	"	32 75	14 75	
359	2	2	3		1	1	2				50	"	30 25	2 00	
360	5	1	1	2	4		1			1	76	"	39 25	3 25	
361	3	6	5	4	1		4				142	Dec., '03	120 50	50 00	
362	3	2	1	1	2						52	"	41 00		
364										1	45	"	71 25		2 00
367	27	22	19		2	4	7				323	June, '09	236 00		
368	11	12	8	1	3	1				1	176	"	112 00	1 75	
369	10	9	9			2					97	"	78 25		
370	2	3	5		1						68	"		1 50	
371	8	6	8	2		2	4				136	"	83 00		
372	2	1	1		1						91	June, '09	58 75		
373	3	3	6	3			1				87	"	72 75		4 75
374					1						32	"	16 25		
375	3	2			1						35	"	49 75		
376	5	4	4		1		7				109	"	67 50		3 00
377	3	6	6	3			2			2	81	"	65 25	1 00	
378	16	13	14		1	3					148	"	186 50		
379	2	2	1								37	Dec., '08	21 00	3 00	
380	26	27	28		4	3	6				215	June, '09	159 00	4 75	
382	18	16	16	6	3	1	2			1	317	"	199 75	3 00	
383	4	2	2		2	1				2	104	Dec., '08	113 00	3 25	
384	21	17	18	13	8	2	8				356	June, '09	230 75		
385	11	7	9								83	"	59 00	9 00	
386	2	2	3	1	1	1				1	84	"	55 00	2 00	
387	3	3	2	1	2						48	"	22 50		
388	4	3	3		1						39	Dec., '08	60 50		
389			1		1					1	45	"	30 75		
390	5	5	5	2	1						39	June, '07		50	
391	10	11	10	2	2		7			2	78	"	57 25		
392	2	3	2	2		2					72	"	47 00		

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393	Forest	Chesley	1st Tuesday	Jos. J. Neelin	W. T. Ross
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b.f.m.	J. W. Smith	W. J. Morrison
395	Parvaim	Comber	F. on or b.f.m.	E. W. Seil	W. G. Campbell
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. Y. Jackson	J. F. Paterson
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m.	Jas. McDonald	A. D. Cotter
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	F. on or b.f.m.	F. F. Ross	E. Mosgrave
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m.	F. J. Yorke	S. E. Facey
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Alfred Hillmer	C. A. Bradbury
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday	Fred J. Frost	W. J. McMicking
402	Central	Essex	W. on or b.f.m.	Fred Brooker	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday	J. Neilson	A. N. Pettit
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or b.f.m.	John A. Brown	J. Aylesworth
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday	J. D. McDonadl	A. Borrowman
406	aThe Spry	Penelon Falls	W. on or b.f.m.	Heber Johnston	F. Fitzgerald
408	Murray	Beaverton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	David Walls	W. Williamson
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2nd Monday	D. A. Campbell	F. Hornsby
410	aZeta	Toronto	4th Friday	W. J. Micks	A. E. Faulds
411	aRodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m.	A. S. Winlow	D. W. Graham
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie	1st Tues. e.m.	C. B. Sexsmith	J. C. Richardson
413	aNaphtali	Tilby Centre	Tu. on or b.f.m.	G. R. Mills	H. Callwood
414	Pequonga	Kenora	1st Wednesday	Jas. Grose	G. A. West
415	aFort William	Fort William	2nd Wednesday	Wm Taylor	Geo. H. Coe
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. E. A. Pocock	Wm. Yates
417	aKeewatin	Keewatin Mills	1st Friday	J. J. A. Morrison	A. J. Holmes
418	aMaxville	Maxville	2nd Friday	F. J. McRae	A. M. Pridham
419	aBismarck	Port Edward	2nd Monday	John McKenzie	B. F. George
420	Nipissing	North Bay	2nd Monday	R. L. Dudley	A. O. Laing
421	aScott	Grand Valley	W. on or b.f.m.	G. J. Campbell	Wm. McIntyre
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m.	J. H. McLeod	W. H. Bradley
423	aStrong	Sundridge	3rd Monday	Jos. Edgar	W. A. Johnston
424	aDoric	Pickering	Th. on or b.f.m.	F. M. Chapman	Rev. W. Moore
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	Th. on or b.f.m.	Albert Cundick	R. G. Stokes
426	aStanley	Toronto	1st Tuesday	Jas. T. Jackson	Wm. Harris
427	aNickel	Sudbury	1st Wednesday	G. A. Montgomery	A. D. Meldrum
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	F. on or b.f.m.	D. D. Adams	W. S. Short
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. A. Chapman	Geo. W. Smith
430	aAcacia	Toronto	3rd Monday	R. G. Allen	L. H. Graham
431	Moravian	Eden Grove	F. on or a.f.m.	C. C. Latham	W. J. Loughleen
432	aHanover	Hanover	F. on or b.f.m.	Chas. Coppinger	F. J. Tizzard
433	aBonnechere	Eganville	2nd Monday	S. P. James	Jas. Reeves
434	aAlgonquin	Emsdale	Tu. on or a.f.m.	G. F. R. Richardson	C. L. Pearce
435	aHavelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m.	Jas. R. Beatty	W. Patterson
436	aBurns	Hepworth	Tu. on or a.f.m.	A. J. Reid	R. H. Rapley
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	3rd Wednesday	E. A. Mills	Geo. Wenino
438	aHarmony	Toronto	4th Monday	E. J. Repath	W. T. Martin
439	aAlexandria	Alexandria	1st Tuesday	Geo. Bradley	David Wason
440	Arcadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m.	S. W. Welch	W. S. Munn
441	Westport	Westport	1st Friday	G. W. Berry	W. M. Ewart
442	aDymont	Thessalon	Th. on or b.f.m.	Robt. C. Dobie	J. Gascoigne
443	aPowassan	Powassan	2nd Friday	A. S. Porter	J. D. Norton
444	aNitetis	Creemore	Tu. on or a.f.m.	R. J. Johnston	G. E. J. Brown
445	aLake of the Woods	Kenora	2nd Wednesday	W. A. Wilson	J. McFarlane
446	aGranite	Fort Francis	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. J. Hollands	C. Russell
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	M. on or b.f.m.	A. D. McInnis	Wm. Anderson
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	Tu. on or b.f.m.	D. G. Scott	A. M. Wilson
449	aDundalk	Dundalk	M. on or b.f.m.	C. E. Noble	W. J. Fry
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Thursday b.f.m.	John Sherman	H. H. Kirby
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	Th. on or b.f.m.	Don. McKenzie	B. F. Beales
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. J. McKewen	S. Shaver
453	Royal	Fort William	1st Wednesday	R. D. Sutherland	F. C. Perry
454	aCorona	Burk's Falls	1st Monday	A. H. Allman	J. W. Harris
455	Doric	Little Current	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jos. Ellenton	J. B. Wallace

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														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
393	1	1	1	1	1	1					53	"	38 25		
394	3	4	2	1		1					74	"	61 00		
395	2	3	3	2							57	"	54 25	50	
396	8	6	5	4	6	1					120	"	114 25	1 00	
397	3	3	5	1	1		8				61	"	41 50		
398											35	June, '06			1 00
399	5	4	5								41	June, '09	43 00		
400	5	5	6	1		5				1	133	"	84 50		
401	3	4	2		4		1				80	"	54 25		25
402	4	4			2						64	"	38 00		
403	22	17	15	6	6	4	5			3	261	"	187 50	5 00	
404	1	4	2		1	1					67	Dec., '08	56 75		2 00
405	7	6	7	1		2				1	92	June, '09	59 50		75
406	3	4	5	2	2		1				79	"	49 05	2 00	
408	2	2	2								54	"	33 50	1 00	
409	9	9	10	1	6	1	6			3	83	"	67 75		
410	18	19	18	1	5	2	3				245	June, '09	174 75	3 00	
411	2	2									45	"	111 00		7 50
412	9	11	12	7	3	3	3			1	262	June, '09	146 25	14 25	
413												June, '05			
414	30	35	33	1	2	2				4	162	June, '09	147 00		
415	12	18	14	8		1	5			1	161	Dec., '08	127 00		
416	1	2	2								47	June, '09	33 00	25	
417	5	5	4		2		6				67	"	58 00	1 00	
418	5	5	4	2	2	3				1	80	"	52 00		
419	3				1	3	8			1	74	"	45 25		
420	14	21	24	2	5					2	163	"	141 25		
421	1	1	2		1						86	"	43 75		
422	1	1	1		1		2				47	"		39 50	
423	2	3	3			1					70	"	51 50		
424	3	3	2		2	2	5			3	40	"	28 75		
425	4	3	2				2				74	"	46 75		
426	17	13	10	3	6		2				279	"	206 00		
427	9	13	9	1	9	2	6				160	"	108 00	2 25	
428	13	13	14	2	7		2				105	"	118 50		
429	6	6	7			2					61	"	43 75	1 00	
430	9	5	5	3	7	2	3			1	136	"	106 75	7 00	
431	4	1	1		8	2	7			3	43	"	30 00	1 00	
432	4	5	5		2	1					54	"	82 50		
433	8	7	9	1	5						61	"	45 25	3 00	
434	8	4	2	1	1						65	June, '08	61 50		6 00
435	15	18	16	1	3	1	6			1	95	June, '09	92 00		14 00
436	1		1	1	6						32	"	54 25	25	
437	2	3	2	2							155	Dec., '08	101 25		
438	57	67	48	5	8	4	13			1	363	June, '09	308 25	2 00	
439	2	2	2				9				48	Dec., '08	15 25	18 00	
440	7	5	6		3						54	June, '09	40 50		
441	1	5	6	1	8	1	1			1	49	"	43 50		
442	2	3	1	1	4	2					88	"	51 25		
443	15	13	12	1	8	5	5				62	"	78 00	25	
444	3	3	3	1	2		2				60	Dec., '08	31 00	9 50	
445	3	5	5	1	2						49	June, '09	32 75		
446	2	1	1	1	1	1					69	Dec., '08	52 75	1 00	
447	10	5	5		6	4					61	June, '09	129 50	75	
448												June, '07		4 00	
449	3	3	2		1		1				39	June, '09	24 50		
450	3	6	5			1					59	Dec., '08	1 00	51 75	
451	5	5	7		1						60	"	59 00		1 00
452	4	4	5		3		2				47	June, '09	36 00		
453	10	7	6	4			1				104	"	68 25		
454	2	2	2								53	Dec., '08	45 00		
455	8	5	7		3	1					78	June, '09	65 25		50

Returns of Lodges as at June 24, 19

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
456	Elma	Monkton	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. I. Struthers.	A. Chalmers
457	Century	Merlin	1st Monday	Alex Houston.	E. W. Neal
458	aWales	Wales	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. E. Murray	F. Warner
459	aCobden	Cobden	2nd Tuesday	T. W. Goodwill.	F. B. Elliott
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	Th. or or b.f.m.	J. C. McKinley.	H. F. Gilbert
461	aIonic	Rainy River	1st Thurs. e.m.	John Redpath.	D. K. McGreg
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	3rd Thursday	E. Monaghan...	T. Armstrong
463	aNorth Entrance.	Haliburton	4th Fri. e.m.	J. B. Anderson.	H. H. Clark
464	King Edward	Sunderland	F on or b.f.m.	R. A. Purvis...	J. H. Oliver
465	Carleton	Carp	F on or b.f.m.	W. Richardson	T. E. Argue
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	1st Friday	W. A. Upton.	J. F. Foster
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	F on or b.f.m.	F. W. Abbott.	J. H. Lowery
468	Peel	Caledon East	F on or b.f.m.	J. G. Fleetham.	J. W. Phillips
469	Algoma	S. St. Marie	2nd Wednesday	P. T. Rowland.	H. S. Hammill
470	Victoria	Vic. Harbor	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. A. Thorburn.	E. B. Brown
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	1st Wed. e.m.	Sam. F. Speck.	H. McKenzie
472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	1st Wed. e.m.	A. J. Cooper...	C. C. Platt
473	The Beaches	Toronto	2nd Friday	Wm. E. Orr...	E. F. Walker
474	Victoria	Toronto	3rd Tuesday	Thos. E. Hoar.	D. D. Macdn'a
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	3rd Saturday	John Burns...	G. H. Lanigan
476	Corinthian	North Gower	F on or b.f.m.	J. E. Armstrong	E. A. Johnston
477	Harding	Woodville	F. on or a.f.m.	A. Galloway...	A. E. Staback
478	Milverton	Milverton	M. on or b.f.m.	R. Lederman...	W. J. Zoeger
479	Russell	Russell	W. on or b.f.m.	P. B. Proudfoot	W. H. Lowrie
480	Williamsburg	N. W'msburg.	1st Thursday	Wm. C. Strader	J. A. Barkley
481	Corinthian	Toronto	2nd Thursday	Jackson L. Little	C. R. Corton
482	Bancroft	Bancroft	F on or b.f.m.	John Ballard...	J. A. Eby
483	Granton	Granton	M. on or b.f.m.	Rev. Jas. Abery	C. M. Webb
484	Golden Star	Dryden	2nd Tuesday	Wm. A. Quibell	Wm. Reid
485	Haileybury	Haileybury	1st Thursday	Neil A. McAulay	A. E. Way
486	Silver	Cobalt	F. on or b.f.m.	John D. Byrnes	R. H. James
487	Penewobikong	Blind River	2nd Monday	W. G. White	A. J. McFadye
488	King Edward	Harrow	Tu. on or b.f.m.	F. E. Rich'dson	J. E. Knapp
489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	Friday a.f.m.	F. C. Hagar...	J. C. Douglas
490	Hiram	Markdale	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. A. Armstrong	J. W. Tucker
UD	St. Andrew's	Arden	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John W. Brown.	Thos. Andrew
UD	Cardinal	Cardinal	2nd Friday	J. F. Graham	Wm. Clark
UD	Karnak	Coldwater	Th. on or b.f.m.	Chas. Simons	J. C. Prior
UD	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	4th Monday	H. A. L. White.	A. B. Carman
UD	Riverdale	Toronto	4th Friday	E. R. J. Biggs..	...
UD	Electric	Hamilton	3rd Wednesday	Fred Miller	W. F. Montag

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														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
456	4	4	3	1							45		68 25		
457	4	2	3								29	Dec., '08	56 75	26 25	
458	3	4	3		1	1					65	June, '09	38 75		
459											56	June, '08	32 50		
460	1	1	1								58	Dec., '08	57 75	1 00	
461	15	10	10	1	4						79	June, '09	65 75		
462	15	11	11	4							123		120 25		
463	5	4	3	3							46		31 25		
464	2	1	1								53	June, '08	19 25		
465	3	1	3		4						56	June, '09	52 00		50
466	6	7	4	2	1						65		46 50	2 00	
467	6	7	6								47	Dec., '08	52 25	30	
468	3	4	5	1							51	June, '09	32 50	3 00	
469	13	10	8	4	4						97		65 50	6 00	
470	6	4	8			1					83		72 25	3 75	
471	2	2	2	1				1			47		31 00	3 50	
472	7	9	7		2	1					58		57 25	4 00	
473	14	21	21	5	3	1					142		134 25	2 00	
474	29	22	19	4	2						130		109 50		
475	16	17	16	2	1		1			1	104		81 75	2 00	
476	1	2	3	2	4	1					57		52 00		3 00
477		2	1	1		2					48		41 75		75
478	6	6	6			2					43		57 00		
479	4	5	4			1					45	Dec., '08	38 00		
480	2	2	4	1	2		1				29	June, '09	30 75		
481	11	10	10			2					79		63 50	2 50	
482	6	7	4	2							53		50 25	3 00	
483	7	6	4	1							21		25 50	10 00	
484	25	26	20		5	1					70		123 75		
485	24	19	25	8	4	1					96		142 50	7 00	
486	18	20	18	13		1					76		151 50		
487	16	12	8	4		1					47		65 25		
488	12	21	21	2							40		59 80	1 05	
489	8	10	5								17		35 75	4 50	
490	10	7	6	2							42		36 50		
UD	8	8	8	2							21		38 50		
UD	8	5	2	2							28		20 00	3 75	
UD	7		4								25		20 00	4 50	
2958 2821 2702 567 833 514 636 5 191 43908														26 00	
Total receipts from Lodges													31,703 80		
Sundries													778 35		
Interest													4,964 45		
Debentures redeemed													7,329 65		
Total													44,776 25		

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTICTS.

Erie District, No. 1. (25.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. C. Elliott, Glencoe.

No. 34, Thistle	Amherstburg	No. 386, McColl ...	West Lorne
" 41, St. George ...	Kingsville	" 390, Florence ...	Florence
" 46, Wellington ...	Chatham	" 391, Howard ...	Ridgetown
" 47, Great Western ...	Windsor	" 395, Parvaim ...	Comber
" 245, Tecumseh ...	Thamesville	" 402, Central ...	Essex
" 255, Sydenham ...	Dresden	" 403, Windsor ...	Windsor
" 267, Parthenon ...	Chatham	" 411, Rodney ...	Rodney
" 274, Kent ...	Blenheim	" 413, Naphtali ...	Tilbury Centre
" 282, Lorne ...	Glencoe	" 422, Star of the East ...	Bothwell
" 290, Leamington ...	Leamington	" 448, Xenophon ...	Wheatley
" 312, Pynx ...	Wallaceburg	" 457, Century ...	Merlin
" 327, The Hammond ...	Wardsville	" 488, King Edward ...	Harrow
" 336, Highgate ...	Highgate		

St. Clair District, No. 2. (20.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. H. Argue, Strathroy.

No. 56, Victoria ...	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore ...	Courtright
" 81, St. John's ...	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona ...	Arkona
" 83, Beaver ...	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston ...	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia ...	Thedford	" 328, Ionic ...	Napier
" 153, Burns ...	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin ...	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra ...	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron ...	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolia ...	Petrolia	" 397, Leopold ...	Brigden
" 238, Havelock ...	Watford	" 419, Bismarck ...	Point Edward
" 260, Washington ...	Petrolia	" 425, St. Clair ...	Sombra
" 263, Forest ...	Forest	" 437, Tuscan ...	Sarnia

London District, No. 3. (26.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. William Wallace, London.

No. 20, St. John's ...	London	No. 289, Doric ...	Lobo
" 42, St. George's ...	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet ...	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas ...	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's ...	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning ...	London	" 330, Corinthian ...	London East
" 94, St. Mark's ...	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill Dorchester Station	
" 107, St. Paul's ...	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown ...	Nilestown
" 120, Warren ...	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley Delaware	
" 140, Malahide ...	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's London W.	
" 171, Prince of Wales ...	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex ...	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont ...	Belmont	" 380, Union ...	London
" 195, Tuscan ...	London	" 388, Henderson ...	Hlderton
" 209a, St. John's ...	London	" 394, King Solomon Thamesford	
" 232, Cameron ...	Dutton	" 399, Moffat ...	Harrietsville

South Huron District, No. 4. (19.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Chris. Hodgins, Lucan.

No. 33, Maitland ...	Goderich	No. 224, Zurich ...	Hensall
" 73, St. James' ...	St. Mary's	" 233, Doric ...	Parkhill
" 84, Clinton ...	Clinton	" 303, Blyth ...	Blyth
" 133, Lebanon Forest ...	Exeter	" 309, Morning Star ...	Carlow
" 141, Tudor ...	Mitchell	" 318, Wilmot ...	Baden
" 144, Tecumseh ...	Stratford	" 332, Stratford ...	Stratford
" 154, Irving ...	Lucan	" 456, Elma ...	Monkton
" 170, Britannia ...	Seaforth	" 478, Milverton ...	Milverton
" 205, New Domini'n N. Hamburg		" 483, Granton ...	Granton
		UD, St. Mary's ...	St. Mary's

North Huron District, No. 5. (19.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. D. Patterson, Lucknow.

No. 93, North'n Light, Kincardine	No. 331, FordwichFordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence Southampton	" 341, BruceTiverton
" 162, ForestWroxeter	" 362, Maple LeafTara
" 184, Old LightLucknow	" 393, ForestChesley
" 197, SaugeenWalkerton	" 396, CedarWiarton
" 225, BernardListowel	" 429, Port ElginPort Elgin
" 235, AldworthPaisley	" 431, MoravianEden Grove
" 276, TeeswaterTeeswater	" 432, HanoverHanover
" 284, St. John'sBrussels	" 436, BurnsHepworth
" 286, WinghamWingham	

Wilson District, No. 6. (22.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Messecar, Scotland

No. 10, NorfolkSimcoe	No. 149, EriePort Dover
" 37, King HiramIngersoll	" 174, WalsinghamPort Rowan
" 43, King SolomonWoodstock	" 178, PlattsvillePlattsville
" 68, St. John'sIngersoll	" 181, OrientalPort Burwell
" 76, OxfordWoodstock	" 193, ScotlandScotland
" 78, King HiramTillsonburg	" 217, FrederickDelhi
" 82, St. John'sParis	" 237, ViennaVienna
" 104, St. John'sNorwich	" 250, ThistleEmbro
" 106, BurfordBurford	" 259, SpringfieldSpringfield
" 108, BlenheimPrinceton	" 261, Oak BranchInnerkip
" 113, WilsonWaterford	" 359, VittoriaVittoria

Wellington District, No. 7. (21)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, Berlin.

No. 72, AlmaGalt	No. 279, New HopeHespeler
" 151, The Grand RiverBerlin	" 295, ConestogoDrayton
" 172, AyrAyr	" 297, PrestonPreston
" 180, SpeedGuelph	" 306, DurhamDurham
" 200, St. Alban'sMt. Forest	" 314, BlairPalmerston
" 203, IrvineElora	" 315, CliffordClifford
" 216, HarrisOrangeville	" 334, Prince ArthurArthur
" 257, GaltGalt	" 347, MercerFergus
" 258, GuelphGuelph	" 361, WaverlyGuelph
" 262, HarristonHarriston	" 421, ScottGrand Valley
" 271, WellingtonErin	

Hamilton District, No. 8. (23.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, Hamilton

No. 6, The BartonHamilton	No. 166, WentworthStoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observ'nceHamilton	" 219, CreditGeorgetown
" 40, St. John'sHamilton	" 243, St. GeorgeSt. George
" 45, BrantBrantford	" 272, SeymourAncaster
" 57, HarmonyBinbrook	" 291, DufferinWest Flamboro
" 61, AcaciaHamilton	" 321, WalkerActonWest
" 62, St. Andrew'sCaledonia	" 324, TempleHamilton
" 100, ValleyDundas	" 357, WaterdownMillgrove
" 121, DoricBrantford	" 382, DoricHamilton
" 135, St. ClairMilton	" 400, OakvilleOakville
" 165, BurlingtonBurlington	" 475, DundurnHamilton
	UD, ElectricHamilton

Georgian District, No. 9. (25.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. W. A. Sneath, Elmvale.

No. 79, SimcoeBradford	No. 304, MinnervaStroud
" 88, St. George'sOwen Sound	" 322, North StarOwen Sound
" 90, ManitoCollingwood	" 333, Prince ArthurFlesherton
" 96, CorinthianBarrie	" 348, GeorgianPenetanguishene
" 137, PythagorasMeaford	" 377, LorneShelburne
" 192, OrilliaOrillia	" 385, SpryBeeton
" 230, KerrBarrie	" 444, NitetisCreemore
" 234, BeaverClarksburg	" 449, DundalkDundalk
" 236, ManitobaCookstown	" 466, CoronationElmvale
" 249, CaledonianMidland	" 467, TottenhamTottenham
" 266, Northern LightStayner	" 470, VictoriaVictoria Harbor
" 285, Seven StarAlliston	" 490, HiramMarkdale
	UD, KarnakColdwater

Niagara District, No. 10. (22).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Jas. E. Merriman, St. Catharines.

No. 2, Niagara	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain	Thorold
7, Union	Grimsby	254, Clifton	Niagara Falls
15, St. George's St.	Catharines	277, Seymour	Port Dalhousie
32, Amity	Dunnville	296, Temple	St. Catharines
35, St. John's	Cayuga	319, Hiram	Hagersville
103, Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	329, King Solomon	Jarvis
105, St. Mark's Niagara Falls S.		337, Myrtle	Port Robinson
115, Ivy	Beamsville	338, Dufferin	Wellandport
168, Merritt	Welland	372, Palmer	Bridgeburg
169, Macnab	Port Colborne	373, Copestone	Welland
185, Enniskillen	York	471, K. Edward VII.	Chippawa

Toronto West District No. 11. (23.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wilson Wilbey, Weston.

No. 22, King Solomon's	Toronto	No. 311, Blackwood	Woodbridge
54, Vaughan	Maple	326, Zetland	Toronto
65, Rehoboth	Toronto	346, Occident	Toronto
86, Wilson	Toronto	356, River Park	Streetsville
98, True Blue	Bolton	369, Mimico	Lambton Mills
118, Union	Schomberg	384, Alpha	Toronto
156, York	North Toronto	426, Stanley	Toronto
229, Ionic	Brampton	438, Harmony	Toronto
247, Ashlar	Toronto	468, Peel	Caledon East
265, Patterson	Thornhill	474, Victoria	Toronto
292, Robertson	King	481, Corinthian	Toronto
305, Humber	Weston		

Toronto East District, No. 11a. (22.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. T. Power, Queensville.

No. 16, St. Andrew's	Toronto	No. 269, Brougham Un'n,	Claremont
23, Richmond	Richmond Hill	316, Doric	Toronto
25, Ionic	Toronto	339, Orient	Toronto
75, St. John's	Toronto	343, Georgina	Toronto
87, Markham Union	Markham	354, Brock	Cannington
97, Sharon	Queensville	367, St. George	Toronto
99, Tuscan	Newmarket	410, Zeta	Toronto
129, The Rising Sun	Aurora	424, Doric	Pickering
136, Richardson	Stouffville	430, Acacia	Toronto
218, Stevenson	Toronto	473, The Beeches	Toronto
220, Zeredatha	Uxbridge	UD, Riverdale	Toronto

Ontario District, No. 12. (15.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Ralph Clark, Lindsay.

No. 30, Composite	Whitby	No. 408, Murray	Beaverton
39, Mount Zion	Brooklin	428, Fidelity	Port Perry
77, Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	440, Arcadia	Minden
139, Lebanon	Oshawa	451, Somerville	Kinmount
268, Verulam	Bobcaygeon	463, N. Entrance	Haliburton
270, Cedar	Oshawa	464, King Edward	Sunderland
398, Victoria	Kirkfield	477, Harding	Woodville
406, The Spry	Fenelon Falls		

Prince Edward District, No. 13. (20.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. R. H. Spencer, Trenton.

No. 11, Moira	Belleville	No. 126, Golden Rule	Campbellford
17, St. John's	Cobourg	127, Frank	Frankford
18, Prince Edward	Picton	161, Percy	Warkworth
29, United	Brighton	164, Star in the East,	Wellington
39, Trent	Trenton	215, Lake	Ameliasburg
48, Madoc	Madoc	222, Marmora	Marmora
50, Consecon	Consecon	239, Tweed	Tweed
69, Stirling	Stirling	283, Eureka	Belleville
91, Colborne	Colborne	401, Craig	Deseronto
123, The Belleville	Belleville	482, Bancroft	Bancroft

Frontenac District, No. 14. (16.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. T. D. Minnes, Kingston.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's, Kingston	No. 212, Elysian Garden Island
" 9, Union Napanee	" 228, Prince Arthur Odessa
" 92, Cataragui Kingston	" 253, Minden Kingston
" 109, Albion Harrowsmith	" 299, Victoria Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf Bath	" 404, Lorne Tamworth
" 146, Prince of Wales, Newburgh	" 441, Westport Westport
" 157, Simpson Newboro'	" 460, Rideau Seeley's Bay
" 201, Leeds Gananoque	" U. D. St. Andrew's Arden

St. Lawrence District, No. 15. (15.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. A. Langstaff, Kemptville.

No. 5, Sussex Brockville	No. 242, Macoy Mallorytown
" 14, True Britons Perth	" 368, Salem Brockville
" 24, St. Francis .. Smith's Falls	" 370, Harmony Delta
" 28, Mount Zion Kemptville	" 387, Lansdowne Lansdowne
" 55, Merrickville .. Merrickville	" 389, Crystal Fount'n, N. Augusta
" 74, St. James S. Augusta	" 416, Lyn Lyn
" 85, Rising Sun Athens	" 489, Osiris Smith's Falls
" 110, Central Prescott	

Ottawa District, No. 16. (19.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. D. H. McIntosh, Carleton Place.

No. 52, Dalhousie Ottawa	No. 209, Evergreen Lanark
" 58, Doric Ottawa	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity .. Ottawa
" 63, St. John's.. Carleton Place	" 264, Chaudiere Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew Renfrew	" 371, Prince of Wales .. Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke Pembroke	" 433, Bonnechere Egansville
" 147, Mississippi Almonte	" 459, Cobden Cobden
" 148, Civil Service Ottawa	" 465, Carleton Carp
" 159, Goodwood Richmond	" 476, Corinthian .. North Gower
" 177, The Builders' Ottawa	" 479, Russell Russell
" 196, Madawaska Arnprior	

Algoma District, No. 17. (9.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. T. J. Cherry, Keewatin.

No. 287, Shuniah Port Arthur	No. 446, Granite Fort Frances
" 414, Pequongia Kenora	" 453, Royal Fort William
" 415, Fort William, Fort William	" 461, Ionic Rainy River
" 417, Keewatin Keewatin	" 484, Golden Star Dryden
" 445, Lake of the Woods, Kenora	

Nipissing District, No. 18. (13.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, Little Current.

No. 405, Mattawa Mattawa	No. 455, Doric Little Current
" 412, Keystone. Sault Ste Marie	" 462, Temiscaming, New Liskard
" 420, Nipissing North Bay	" 469, Algoma .. Sault Ste Marie
" 427, Nickel Sudbury	" 472, Gore Bay Gore Bay
" 442, Dymont Thessalon	" 485, Haileybury Haileybury
" 447, Sturgeon Fl's, Sturgeon Fl's	" 486, Silver Cobalt
	" 487, Penewobikong. Blind River

Muskoka District, No. 19. (8.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. S. N. Davis, Parry Sound.

No. 352, Granite Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin Emsdale
" 376, Unity Huntsville	" 443, Powassan Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule.. Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona Burke's Falls

Otonabee District, No. 20. (13.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. S. P. Ford, Norwich.

No. 26, Ontario Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi Lakefield
" 66, Durham Newcastle	" 325, Orono Orono
" 101, Corinthian .. Peterborough	" 374, Keene Keene
" 114, Hope Port Hope	" 375, Lorne Omamee
" 145, J. B. Hall Millbrook	" 435, Havelock Havelock
" 155, Peterborough Peterborough	

Eastern District, No. 21. (16.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John Ridley, Cornwall.

No. 21a, St. John's..	Vankleek Hill	No. 383, Henderson, W.	Winchester
" 125, Cornwall	Cornwall	" 418, Maxville	Maxville
" 142, Excelsior	Morrisburg	" 439, Alexandria	Alexandria
" 143, Friendly Brothers, Iroquois		" 450, Hawkesbury ..	Hawkesbury
" 186, Plantagenet ..	Plantagenet	" 452, Avonmore	Avonmore
" 207, Lancaster	Lancaster	" 458, Wales	Wales
" 256, Farran's Point ..	Aultsville	" 480, Williamsburg N. W.	msburg
" 320, Chesterville ...	Chesterville	U. D. Cardinal	Cardinal

RECAPITULATION.

	District No.				
Erie	1	25	Lodges		
St. Clair	2	20	"		
London	3	26	"		
South Huron	4	19	"		
North Huron	5	19	"		
Wilson	6	22	"		
Wellington	7	21	"		
Hamilton	8	23	"		
Georgian	9	25	"		
Niagara	10	22	"		
Toronto West	11	23	"		
Toronto East	11a	22	"		
Ontario	12	15	"		
Prince Edward	13	20	"		
Frontenac	14	16	"		
St. Lawrence	15	15	"		
Ottawa	16	19	"		
Algoma	17	9	"		
Nipissing	18	13	"		
Muskoka	19	8	"		
Otonabee	20	13	"		
Eastern	21	16	"		

SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D., 1908-1909.

No. 3—Wm. J. Breden. 5—Charles Rose, Jas. C. Jacks, Alex. L. Murray, A. H. Howell. 6—Jas. Weir, J. Wesley Arnold, James Montgomery, J. W. D. McKeand. 15—Johnson Clench, John S. Carlisle, Jas. Gray, John E. Hetherington, Thomas H. Simmens, William Davies, Charles A. Tilden. 16—Jeffrey E. Hansford, William Kerr Mowat, F. H. Dinsmore. 17—J. A. Jamieson, R. Morrow, J. J. Kerr, Alex. Goodnus. 22—George R. Buckham, Wm. W. Glass, D. J. Maitland, M. F. McKay, W. H. Walkem, Frank Westwater, Edmund P. Felsburg, Clarence D. Gourley, Percy E. Noble, C. E. O'Brien, R. C. Lees. 25—John F. Shaw. 30—John Waugh, Ed. D. Warren. 34—H. Y. Pickering, W. Middleditch, John G. Hughston, W. A. Wanless. 35—William Sweet, R. H. Windecker. —37—F. D. Canfield, W. W. Marr, H. W. Healey, J. W. Adair. 38—Charles Adams. 40—H. Anderson, G. W. E. Harding, L. H. Pett. 41—Robert Fleming, John W. Hyatt, Charles Toffemire. 45—Hartley B. W. Turner, James Nightingale, T. L. Fortune, A. Galbraith. 46—Wm. Gray. 47—John Scott, Wm. Henry Ferguson, C. Owens. 48—Frank O. Diamond, Walter Dingman, Walter R. Bass, George Laundry. 54—Rev. John A. R. Macdonald. 61—Thomas Graham, William Brown, H. H. Hodgson, W. E. Kilgour, C. W. Spencer. 64—George D. Wandless, G. W. Humpidge, F. L. Wood, G. W. Miller, A. T. Black. 75—Adam Bear, J. C. Brown, W. D. Millen, H. E. Parkyn, C. H. Bugar, E. J. Cashmore, L. McKenzie, W. Phillips, J. H. Sunter. 76—R. W. Moote, C. Hubner, F. C. Harrington, R. Hamilton. 77—Edward Wickham, H. E. White. 79—William Kilkenny, S. Oldham, E. A. Collins, J. Benrose, W. S. Moore, H. W. Watson, H. C. Wilkinson. 83—Hy Smith, Dugald McLellan, S. J. Stevens, Fred T. Lawson, Hy. H. Sands, E. J. Malone. 84—Charles Wilson, J. E. Cantlor, G. E. Holmes, John Ireland. 86—J. J. MacArtney, L. A. Archembault, R. Smith, R. R. Ridout, C. H. R. Riches, F. H. Bauer. 87—Wm. Murray Doyle, Arch. T. Black, G. W. Miller, F. L. Wood, G. D. Wandless. 91—W. H. Charles, S. Goldblat, P. H. Murphy, F. A. Wegner. 93—Kenneth McKenzie, John C. McKenzie, Robt. Munro, Henry Richardson. 94—John O'Brien, C. F. Weir, R. Elliott, James Bake, Robt. McWaren, Wm. Berry, Ed. Holly, Frederick Pollock, Edgar Johnson, Hiney Long. 96—Benjamin Parker, Alex. W. Wallace, Wm. C. Hunter, M. R. Micks, H. C. Crease, Horace G. Crease, Wm. L. Kidd, Robt. J. Love. 100—Thomas P. Stewart, R. L. Shaver. 105—H. G. A. Cook, B. E. Hogan, Lewis Bailey. 116—John Campbell, J. D. Clark, J. H. Stewart. 123—James A. Phillips, Alex. Patterson. 125—Findley D. McNaughton, W. H. Secord, C. E. Rombough, H. A. Campbell, E. H. Eldridge, A. L. Fraid, Z. I. Tatterly, D. E. McDonald, J. C. McFarlane. 127—S. A. Dupraw, Anson Latta, S. F. Nixon. 136—A. H. Cook, C. R. Cook. 140—Chas. W. Mannacott. 144—George William Slaughter. 145—W. E. Dean, R. H. Grandy, Henry W. Johnston, John Steele. 151—John F. Ellis. 158—Robert Byers, Robt. J. McLellan. 161—E. J. Wethey, L. W. Macklin. 162—Wm. Doig, George Town, George W. Wilkie. 164—Wm. Swazie, 165—E. George Paige. 169—Joseph Keim, D. C. McFarland. 171—Daniel McDonald, Chas. Branton. 174—Arthur J. Aker, Wm. Lake. 177—W. G. Bradley, George Brooks, T. A. Brown, T. A. Davey, W. T. Edwards, J. Firby, C. W. F. Gorrell, R. H. McCullough, S. A. Wilson. 180 Wm. Bremner, Peter Gokie. 181—Wm. J. Ford, J. C. Brady. 184—John F. Tennant, M. A. Blake, R. H. Sands, W. J. Miller. 185—Robt. Morrison, Oswald Runchey. 192—John Hall. 193—Thomas Kerr, Wm. J. Revelly, Charles L. Messecar, Paul Huffman. 194—Robert Palmer, Gilbert B. Watson. 196—Alex R. McLachlin, Chas. D. McNab. 197—George J. Dickinson, Thos. G. Kidd, John H. Clark. 200—Arch. McTaggart. 209a—Frank Shapland, Wm. G. Reid, George Wilson, Fred C. Allward, Wm. Malloch, George O. Bayley, Frank M. Boyden. 216—John S. May. 218—John H. R. Boache, N. Blymurg, Thos. Fitzsimons, Joseph Haines, William A. Johnston, L. Joundry, John Galt, R. E. Millett, James E. Lee, J. A. Williams. 222—Wm. G. Sheddon. 223—Benjamin O. Fife. 224—George T. McKay. 225—G. W. Slaughter, Chas. H. Holmes, Thos. J. Sheppard, George P. Porter. 228—Moses Meeklenberg. 230—John Thompson, Edward W. Nelson. 231—A. H. Minshall, Wm. N. Wade, 232—Alex. McLellan, Jas. Thompson, Irving James, R. A. Stevenson,

C. St. C. Leitch, Samuel Eckers. 234—Joseph Taylor. 236—Wm. D. Mitchell. 238—Alfred Dunlop, Jos. Beach, John Owens, John Gordon Robinson. 247—George C. C. Parker, H. Wm. Connor. 249—George Wallinope, R. Dudley, H. L. Patterson, Ernest Janton, Norman H. Hunter, Josiah Hill, Chas. Herring, William Stevens. 253—Robert J. Elliott, Robert George, John Newton. 254—James C. Groom, Jos. R. Brown. 258—Samuel E. Cosford. 260—Wm. Servewright, H. Jaegar 264—Charles Marshall, Robt. D. Meek, H. M. Moodie. 277—Matthew Leish, John Patterson. 279—S. O. Nixon, John S. Washburn, John Cunningham, Levi Zimmerman, W. E. Zimmerman. 284—Wm. J. Walker, Mervin Lambert. 285 John B. McCrae, A. M. Murdy, J. D. Sheppey, W. D. Meredith, R. F. Edmund, Wesley Gallagher, Frank Bell. 286—Wm. Jobb, Arthur Carr, J. H. Bowman. 287—Chas. N. Laurie. 290—Jacob Fox, Jas. Fitchell, Burns Foster, J. J. Haylock, M. F. Pumaville, Stanley B. Roach, Frank Wilkinson, John Wilson. 292—David Megaffin, Francis Trent. 294—David T. Elder. 295—George A. Fawcett, Joseph Crozier, Max Salle. 302—Jas Liddler, James J. Liddler, Wm. Clark, E. Fuller, Ernest Clark, Henry Strangeman, Thomas S. Priestman. 305—J. T. Farr, E. J. May. 306—A. Davidson, J. W. Crawford, P. Saunders, Wm. P. Caldwell, John H. Kilmer, W. R. McCracken, R. R. Turner, Jos. Burnett, John Livingston. 307—Rufus Russell. 309—Alex. Robinson, Wm. Young, David Nevins, Whitfield Echlin. 312—R. F. Westcott, John Lillie. 316—W. J. Emery, James McRitchie, A. G. Robinson, F. B. Nelson, T. G. Sayiwell, N. H. Hamilton, George Warren, Thomas F. McLelland, J. J. O'dell, W. E. Sloan, B. K. Thompson, George A. Cressman, Robert Duncan, E. McCall, Jacob C. Orner, L. A. Sanderson. 322—J. W. Redfern, James Chalmers, A. O. Secord, L. Smith, J. T. Joyce, M. Tansley, T. J. Coulter, Wm. E. Watson. 323—Gerald H. Patterson, James Gardiner, Wm. H. Hunt. 325—Wm. J. Speers, Wm. J. Phillips. 326—S. H. Merrick, C. E. Maguire, Fred G. Crane, T. P. W. Hobson, D. Decker, Geo. Stannard. 327—Angus J. Paton, Ben Miller, John E. Prior. 332—Jas. S. Crozier, E. C. Edmunds, H. E. Holmes, R. R. Jaffrey, A. E. Matthews, D. L. Myers, H. W. Thompson. 334—W. J. Elder. 336—G. W. Ford. 339—Arch. Sheridan, Jno. Dale, H. A. Major, Dan McCuaig, A. A. McGregor, H. M. Robinson, A. W. Richey. 343—J. E. Barnsdale, K. G. Coulter, C. W. Fraser, D. A. Rose, F. E. Reid, Henry Thompson, W. F. Whelan, Thomas Wilson. 344—Abram Slaight. 345—Joseph Blaney. 346—A. A. Cutting, John Gibson, Robert E. Gregory, John Lillie, Henry Richmond, F. F. Renton. 357—John A. Monkman, Harry J. Tibbles. 358—Edward Perry. 359—John Gundry, Bruce D. McCall. 360—George E. Bond. 361—Hans Street, Arthur Reid, McEwan Spence, Charles A. Southcott. 367—J. W. Walker, F. J. Manwell, E. G. Howse, George Bland, Chas. M. McCarthy, Wm. L. Outhwaite, Jos. Fields. 371—Wm. R. Walmsley, John F. Goodchild, Don. B. Perry, Wesley B. Finlay. 373 Wm. Shultz. 376—Geo. J. Tutt, George Walton, George Jennings, E. P. Whaley, George Saddy, J. J. McGeary, H. S. Edwards. 380—Henry E. Milling, George C. Ellis, A. L. Garthwaite, John Patterson, W. K. Clark, R. B. Pellon. 382—Thos. Harper, Wm. E. Watson. 384 Frank Blackburne, A. G. Chambers, Jas. B. Mortimer, Wm. George Selwood, David G. Craig, Ed. Leadley, Benj. Painter, George B. Brown. 389—Joseph Forrest, Elias A. Dool, Samuel B. Whalley. 391—H. K. Clements, D. A. Leitch, R. M. Smith, John H. Rosborough, Henry F. Duck, Edgar Sacksville, Wm. Hubbard. 394—John Brown. 397—Z. Murray, E. W. St. Clair, C. Spooner, C. Farquharson, Wm. Shaw, N. E. Chandler, A. Solomon, C. W. Wheatley. 401—John C. McNeill. 403—Isaac M. Cady, T. H. Harwood, C. E. Maddens, C. Pulfer, C. J. Thorpe. 406—Samuel F. Cullon. 409—Thomas Taylor, George Cooper, Digby Grinston, W. S. Curran, T. L. Hammill, W. W. McPhie. 410—Thomas M. Humble, Max Morell, Edgar W. E. Gilmore. 412—John Kelly, Jas. E. Vanatter, Ronald McPhie. 415—Robt. H. Henderson, T. H. Graham, John McClure, Henry Newsome, John J. Huxtable. 417—Levi R. McKay, Richard Routledge, Robert B. Ireland, Robert Neil, Albert D. Lough, F. W. Scott. 419—John Hollingshead, Alf. Ashby, Wm. Kennedy, Henry C. Lehans, Peter Metz, Adam Bruce, Joseph Hunter, Alex. Ross. 422—Frances H. Pope, John Hodge. 424—Wm. Gormley, A. E. Elliott, R. E. Johnston, Fred Nighswander, William A. Remmer. 425—W. G. Stonehouse, D. R. Stenton. 427—C. A. Campbell, A. D. McMillan, James E. Tempest, James W. Judge, E. G. Sadler, L. Moody. 428—Herbert

L. Adams, Dersey Chapman. 430—Louis Smith, Daniel Burden, R. M. Reid. 431—James Loughleen, James Wilson, J. A. Ross, Wm. H. Young, W. Beaton, J. W. Bowes, George Pinkerton. 438—Henry O. Layton, George H. Laight, P. Aberdeen, W. Henry Cooper, John Hughes H. V. Layton, Sr., W. E. Lyon, M. A. Rombaugh, Angus Campbell, H. W. Petrie, Samuel Roberts, Wm. J. Stinson, W. H. Warrington. 439—W. Mackie, A. G. A. Robinson, R. A. Allerdise, A. Robson, W. B. Coury, D. G. McLellan, T. C. Allerdise, A. E. Colthame, John McDonald. 441—Wm. Blair. 443—C. H. Buckland, W. R. Austin, H. T. Burton, H. C. Smith. 444—J. D. Shipley, Tilden Banner. 447—E. H. Edwards, James Henderson, J. H. Payne, I. L. Baker. 449—Wm. J. Walker. 452—Nathan J. Robinson, Arthur Duval. 453—Albert Alexander Jory. 475—Frank N. Chapman. 480—J. A. Riddell.

SUSPENSIONS, U. M. C., 1908-09.

42—Albert Goulding. 77—W. A. Jewett. 316—Isaac B. Johnson. 341—Alex. McDonald. 471—Thomas Davidson.

DEATHS, 1908-09.

No. 2—Charles E. Brown, 14 September '08; Jos. W. Chaw, 7th February '09. 3—Thomas Donnelly, 10th August '08; George Craggan, 9th March '09. 5—John Easton, 10th January '09; Wm. Quinsey, 30th December '08. 6—Moses Overholt, 11th November '08; Jos. Mason, 6th December '08; Jas. Robertson, 14th December '08; Wm. Burrows, 1st January '09; Wm. R. House, 15th May '09; Chas. W. S. Servos, 17th May '09. 9—Robert L. Henry, 14th January '09. 11—Wesley Lattimer, 23rd December '08. 14—Benjamin Warren, 31st October '08. 15—Henry Shickluna, 19th October '08. 16—Charles S. Kenyon, 1906; Wm. B. McMurrich, 6th September '08; James R. Gowan, 18th March '09. 18—Paul Clark, 28th March '09; Frank E. N. Boulter, 3rd April '09; Robert C. Clapp, 13th June '09; S. Johnson, 23rd June '09; James Knight, 26th December '08; A. Hicks, 2nd January '09; S. M. Conger, 10th February '09; Wm. R. Wright, 10th February '09; Jas. E. Clapp, 11th March '09; David P. Clapp, 30th June '08; John Terrill, 2nd August '08; George N. Rose, 3rd October '08; D. Brisbin, 17th November '08. 20—Wm. Trafford, 1st December '08. 21a—John Shields, 31st December '08; John Northcott, 23rd February, '09. 22—Henry Fogler, 19th March '09; Thomas Langton, 11th May '09; George W. Lyon, 2nd August '08; Wm. Sinclair, 11th September '08; Robert Malcolm, July '08; George W. Warner, 30th January '09. 24—Robert Niblock, 5th February, '09; Wm. Hart, 12th May '09. 25—Andrew W. Porte, 18th February '09; B. N. Jones, 6th April '09; David Blair, 6th May '09. 26—Johnston McG. Young, 31st August '08; Harold Barrett, 4th December, '08; Robert Heming, 5th February '09. 27—Robert Campbell, 4th June '09; George Lloyd Mackelcan, 9th June '09; Charles L. Smith, 18th May '09; George M. Eehlen, 18th September '08; Wm. H. Croker, 2nd October '08; Geo. T. Bierly, 25th October '08; E. W. Bateman, 28th February '09. 29—John R. Maitland, 26th November '08. 30—John Stanton, 25th December '08. 31—John M. Brimcombe, 26th July '08. 33—Wm. A. McKim, 8th January '09; Edward L. Dickinson, 15th March '09; Daniel Ferguson, 26th August '08. 40—W. J. Reid, 29th December '08; H. G. Vansickle, 30th January '09; J. Kenny, 14th February '09; James Thompson, 22nd February '09; J. A. Marshall, 21st December '08; Charles Robertson, 4th September '08; John Stevenson 7th December '08; Alfred Hannaford, 21st December '08. 42—John A. Balkwill, 9th October '08; John Ingram, 3rd June '08; James A. Thompson, 19th April '08. 45—George Hardy, 7th December '08; Frederick Mudge, 10th December '08. Wm. Watt, 8th June '09. 46—Frederick Bates, 28th December '07; Dalton Heard, 17th April '08; Thomas C. McNabb, 6th August '08; James Dalgarno, 23rd October '08. 47—Joseph Thompson, 14th September '08; James McMurray, 28th October '08; Wm. Townsbergh, 4th March '09. 48—Daniel McCaffery. 54—John McNabb, 9th March '08. 56—William Pearse, 15th November, '08; Wm. G. Lowrie, 19th February, '09. 57—George Chrystal, 28th July '08. 58—Charles E. Ault, 3rd July '08; M. D. McKay, August '08; A. Ketchener, August '08; Thomas Storey, March '09; E. Roy Strong, 2nd June '09. 61—Henry Duncan, 27th August '08; B. Lewis, 25th September '08; Hugh H. Bicknell, 9th April '09.

63—G. S. Reynolds, 5th September '08; Wm. Patterson, 18th December '08; Fred Laplante, 3rd November '08. 64—John H. Leischman, 26th June '08. 65—Walter H. Blight, 17th June '08; Lawrence Gibb, 30th June '08; John Lister, 23rd February '09. 66—Fligg Solomon, 68—William Ewart, 14th September, '08; George R. Thompson, 28th February '09. 72—David Stewart, 21st January, '09; W. T. Smith, 22nd May '09; Lauchlin L. Kennedy, 10th August '08. 75—James T. Cummings, 1st July '08; James L. Morrison, 4th December '08. 76—H. P. Brown, 9th July '08; H. B. Willis, 15th July '08; Frederick C. Martin, 1st September '08; Henry Pook, 21st November '08; Wm. F. Mason, 10th December '08; Hedley V. Knight, 8th March '09. 77—Donald R. Anderson, 9th April '09. 78—Thomas W. Dobbie, 1st April '08; Thomas C. Ball, 16th April '08. 79—Alonzo E. McBeth, 21st August, '08. 81—David Bishop, 15th October, '08; F. F. London, 10th July '08. 83—Washington W. Hull, 15th June '08; John Robertson, 24th July '08. 87—Richard Trick, 22nd March '09; Henry R. Carson, 13th February '09. 88—William Miller, 7th August '08; Jas. F. Creighton, 21st October '08; C. E. Barnhardt, 10th February, '09; R. Stoddart, 15th April '09. 91—Stephen S. Britnell, 15th March '09. 92—O. G. R. Johnston, 10th February '08; John Scott, 11th October '08 H. D. M. Harvey, 24th December '08. 93—Jas. T. Jackson, 24th January '09; John Smith, 22nd June '09. 94—John Dadson, 25th December, '08; Martin Fraser, 23rd June '09. 96—John C. Smith, 30th July '08; George T. McMillen, 15th June '09. 99—Samuel J. Snell, 14th February, '08. 99—Alex. J. McCracken, 20th September '08; Wm. H. Elvidge, 14th January '09. 100—John M. Knowles, 8th January '09. 101—Robert K. Green, 16th January '09; Hugh B. Mehany, 16th January '09. 103—E. A. Arnold, 3rd January '09. 105—Ernest Peters, 15th October, '08; Archibald Thompson, 22nd April '09. 106—Samuel C. Howie, 13th August '08. 107—James F. Davis, 4th October '08. 109—James K. Godfrey, 15th August '08; Wm. N. Roberts, 3rd March '09; James McGuinis, 27th March '09. 114—Alan A. Adams, '09. 115—Andrew Lawson, 14th October '08; Charles Filby, 21st January '09. 120—Frank E. Else, 27th September '08; Robert E. McKellop, 3rd December '08; L. J. Else, 23rd April '09; S. McCallum, 24th January '09. 121—William George Elliott, 13th September '08; Wm. F. Templar, 8th January '09. 122—John Ferguson, 7th July '08; Wm. Richards, 2nd December '08; John C. Wright, 27th February '09. 123—Henry Alexander McKeown, 11th April '09. 127—Adolphus Clark, 4th September '08. 128—Oliver G. Copeland, 18th September '08; James Robinson, 20th December '08. 131—Jos. Parkhouse, 3rd March '08; Henry L. Pratt, 10th March '08; Henry Zenkan, 11th May '09. 135—Samuel Cone, 18th October '08. 137—Robert J. Agnew, 28th May '09. 139—Thomas Miller, 9th June '08. 142—George Bradfield, 15th November '08. 144—Chris. McLellan, 16th March '09; James Richardson, 9th February '09. 145—Robert Shaw, 13th September '08; C. H. Brerdon, 6th September '08. 146—Stephen Weese, 31st December '07. 148—C. C. W. Lally, 15th April '08; Joseph Potts, 5th March '08. 149—Wm. A. McLeod, 1st December '08; Isaac S. Rynom, 7th May '09. 151—Edwin A. Stout, 16th October '08. 153—Wm. L. Lambert, 9th February '08. S. H. Glasgow, March '09. 156—James Dickenson, 5th March '09. 158—John Radford, 16th October '08; James Moore, 2nd July '08. 161—Geddes Duncan, 9th March '09. 162—John Sanderson, 31st January '09. 166—Horace A. Coombs, 12th July '08; John K. Lottridge, 9th October '08. 169—Samuel J. Lidey, 30th December '08. 170—W. O. Reid, 21st February '09; P. Volour, 15th May '09. 177—William Smith. 184—John Murdoch, 11th January '09. 186—Donald I. McLean, 21st March '09. 192—Wm. Sherman. 193—Wm. A. McLim, 3rd December '08; George F. Mitchell, 9th May '09; Walter J. Hall, 3rd May '09; Fred Mudge, 10th December '08. 194—Samuel Stokes, 17th December '08; Herbert A. Minchin, 15th May '09. 195—A. W. Porte, 18th February '09. 196—Thomas Stewart, '08. 201—Philip Healslip, 21st February '08; James E. Birmingham, 30th ——— '08. 203—James Benney, 30th Nov. '08; Charles Clarke, 6th April '09. 209a—John Cooper, 7th February '09; S. N. Black, 14th February, '09. 209—James Maughan, 18th March '09. 216—W. A. McLim, 1st December '08; John Smith, 5th March '09; James Fawcett, 14th May '09. 217—Charles G. Wood, 24th February '09; Jacob Sovereign, 16th May '09; John H. Ferguson, 9th June '09. 218—Samuel Wilson, 10th May '09; Wm. J. Davidson, 22nd June '09; John Woodburn, 20th October '08; Thomas Beck, 6th October '08; John Stoneburg, 11th April '09; Da-

vid Bell, 20th May '09. 219—H. A. Coffen, 29th November '08; John Sykes, 11th January '09. 220—S. Flumerfelt, 1st July '08; James E. Gould, 4th August '08; James C. Widdefield, 25th November '08. 221—John McLeod, 25th July '08; Thomas E. Simpson, 5th August '08. 222—George R. German, 27th April '09. 223—Wm. E. Roxburgh, 29th October '08; John McMillan, 8th November '08. 225—John C. Burt, 11th January '09. 229—George W. Crawford, 31st December '08. 231—John C. Bower, 15th October '08; S. M. Davies, 6th November '08; Wm. R. Queale, 18th August '08; Thos. A. Gifford, 8th May '09. Jas. Guthrie 19th Jan. '09. 234—Samson Webb, 1st March '08. 236—Jas. McKerracher, 5th August '08. 238—Thos. H. Willoughby. 239—William Wright, 26th August '08; Isaac D. Huyck, 1st September '08; Henry J. Monck, 8th December '08. 242—Joseph Avery, 5th November '08; John F. Kelly, 12th November '08. 247—Joshua T. Johnston, 22nd June '08; A. Poynton, 29th August '08; Alex. Robertson, 24th August '08; W. A. De Poncier, 22nd February, '09. 249—Daniel H. Breker, 3rd June '09. 254—James T. Brundage, 30th March '09; R. Gibson, 6th April '09; E. J. Burton, 3rd August '08; Philip H. Spry, 25th March '09. 256—Finlay McEdward, 13th November, '08. 257—Wm. A. Rae, 8th October '08; Eli Watts, 1st December '08. 262—Thomas H. Gordon, 13th December '08. 263—George A. Walters, 3rd December '08. 264—C. W. Kendall, 30th January '09; John H. Hawkshaw, 15th April '09; Fred Rowe, 15th April '09. 267—Thomas C. McNab, 7th August '08. 270—Joseph P. Purdy, 14th June '08. 271—Samuel A. M. Culp, 19th January '08; Wm. Dewar, 13th April '08. 272—Edward Henderson, 19th November '08. 277—John Green, Sr., 7th February '09. 279—Isaac Snyder, 16th December '08; Christian Pabst, 7th February '09. 283—Adam Henry, 26th October, '08. Thomas C. Luscombe, 12th April '09. 284—James Mitchell, 27th November, '08. 285—Wm. Bawtinheimer, 18th April '09. 286—George C. Hannah, 2nd October, '08; James Fleuty, 11th November '08. 287—Thomas Connor, 11th November '08; Richard Roberts, 23rd September '08; John M. Beyer, 10th April '09; David Mills, 23rd August '08; 289—Amos W. Marrett, 7th February '09. 290—Edward Nash, 12th December '08; James Robson, 7th January '09. 291—Gilbert S. Field, 29th April '09. 302—J. J. Delmar, 31st August '08; Wm. Deekie, 11th January '09; Ezra Stubbs, 24th May '09; Ethan. H. Millington, 22nd June '09. 303—Denison D. Carder, 17th February '09. 309. Duncan E. Munroe, 1st January '08; M. Mohring, 29th September '08; James Young, 7th April '09. 311—Solomon Ellis, 1st November '06. 312—Thos. Bard, 26th August '08. 313—Robert Q. Dench, 17th September '08; Robert P. Davidson, 17th November '08. 316—A. A. Knox, 11th February '08; Fred C. Miller, 24th February '08; Harry A. Collins, 20th June '08; Wilbur Henderson, 13th August '08; Joseph Wild, 28th August '08. 321—Robert Somerville, 24th August '08. 322—Wm. J. Lewis, 12th November '08. 326—Robert Cooper, 8th August '08; H. Van Sintzer, 30th September '08; Thos. G. Rice, 5th April '09. 328—John Morgan, 14th January '09. 329—Freeman Gibbs, 12th July '08; John H. Bennett, 27th May '09. 330—John Cockburn, 18th August '08; Wm. Awcock, 29th June '08. 331—William Hamilton, 12th July '08. 332—Kenneth McLeod, 25th January '09; Wilson McWhenny, 21st June '09; Thomas Henderson, 3rd October '08; Thomas Ballentyne, 27th June '08; A. McLellan, 12th October '08; Chris. McLellan, 16th March '09; Duncan Sinclair, 5th January '09. 336—Peter N. Davey, 2nd February '09. 339—F. A. Drury, 28th March '09; Josiah Bulley, 23rd March '09. 343—George A. Christie 4th July '08; Philip Jamieson, 20th February '09; F. J. Schenk, 18th February '09; W. A. DePencier, 20th February '09; A. K. Vernmo, 28th February '09; Wm. H. Smith, 3rd May '09. 346—J. R. Dunn, 23rd August '08; O. J. Abraham, 21st September '08; J. Allardyce, 22nd September '08; John N. Kaye, 7th October '08; James R. Labelle, 14th January '09; Fred Drury, 28th March '09; Thomas McKay, 30th May '09; H. A. E. Kent, 24th June '09. 347—Robt. J. Gow, 14th January '09; James Bissett, 26th February '09; Charles Masson, 4th May '09. 352—J. F. Mosley, 13th March '09. 354—Donald Gillespie, 22nd December '08. 356—Chas. W. Switzer, 29th September '08. 357—Ephraim English, 3rd October '08. 359—Wm. H. Wells, 9th August '08. 367—Jabez Scrivener, 14th July '08; Wm. J. Ball, 25th July '08; F. E. Johnstone, 8th January '09; W. B. Tooth, 26th March '09. 368—Isaac N. Marshall, 22nd January '09. 371—Samuel T. Cheney, 6th September '08; John Cowan, 17th April '09. 377—Alex. T. Steele, 28th December '08; Jas.

Spanhouse, 7th February '09. 378—John O. Kincaid, 27th June '09. 380—Coote Freds, 27th February '08; Robert Hy. Avey, 5th October '08; Thomas Vallier, 23rd March '09. 382—Hyman Fisher, 17th February '09. 383—David Wishart, 7th July '08. 384—James M. Hunter, 6th April '08; Walter Adams, 16th March '09. 385—George Chrystal, 28th July '08. 386—Daniel Sellars, 3rd October '08. 392—Abner McIntyre, 15th July '08; Benjamin Schram, 9th September '08. 393—William James Crowe, 2nd September '08. 394—Thomas Hogg, 24th November '08; Joseph T. Lloyd, 21st May '09. 396—William C. Martin, 19th April '09. 397—George Spooner, 12th April '09. 400—George H. Morden, 28th July '08; Edgar Bray, 20th August '08; Henry Wilson, 23rd October '08; Thomas Andrew, 21st March '09; William Fertile, 21st May '09. 403—John C. Deake, 10th August '08; Silas M. Bond, 8th December '08; J. A. Diebel, 22nd January '09; J. Holway, 2nd April '09. 404—James Henry Bell, 6th August '08. 405—John McCracken, 3rd July '08; Thomas J. Dreaney, 28th December '08; Robert Skeene, 31st March '09. 409—Andrew N. Tate, October '08. 410—Louis A. Carscallen, 2nd November '08; A. G. Marmion, 6th May '09. 412—Rd. Roberts, 23rd September '08; T. H. Murray, 7th July '08; William H. Stevens, 1st March '09. 414—John A. Martin, 14th January '09; H. D. Cooper, 15th June '09. 415—Duncan J. McKenzie, 27th March '08. 418—W. W. Robinson, 28th February '09; Wallace Nixon, 12th May '09. 419—John E. Hunter, 5th October '08; John H. Near, 7th January '09; D. Whittaker, 3rd February '09. 423—Louis N. Faulkner, 9th November '08. 424—William J. Reazin, 30th August '08; Robert S. Dillingham. 425—John D. Thompson 23rd March '09; James Hoy, 14th January '09. 427—Robert McBride, 9th July '08; John H. Way, 11th December, '08. 429—Arthur H. Ridout, 21st August '08; Andrew Shields, 17th June '09. 430—James L. Paterson, 2nd May '09; C. J. Murray, 21st February '09; Charles R. Moxley, 19th March '09; J. S. Scarlett, 30th April '09. 431—Thomas Pinkerton, 3rd September '08; Thos Hood, 12th December, '08. 432—Charles Scarborough, 7th July '06. 435—Charles Hurrington, 2nd January '09. 436—Donald A. Campbell, 10th November '08; Daniel R. Dunlop, 10th November '08. 437—Simeon Stover, 29th August '08. 438—J. J. Cassidy, 23rd April '08; J. C. Forde, 13th January '08; P. H. Jenkins, 25th November '08; Charles F. H. Savage, 17th July '08. 441—Duncan G. Ripley, 16th May '08. 442—John Martin, 26th June '05; Robert Garson, 8th January 1900. 443—James D. Burns, 1908; Thomas McKee, 15th June '06; William Jenkins, October '06. 444—Hugh McLaughlin, 11th July '08. 446—Harry J. F. Sessions. 450—Douglas Campbell. 458—Wilson J. Morgan, 7th February '09. 465—Walter Kerstone, 17th December '08. 469—Richard Roberts, 26th September '08. 472—Archibald B. McCallum, 25th November '08. 473—John A. M. Ferguson, 18th December '08. 476—Robert C. Acton, 30th September '08. 477—Augustus Sawers, 5th January '09. 478—Charles P. Clark, 15th October '08; James Trim, 4th December '08. 479—David Wishart, 4th July '08. 481—John A. Ferguson, 11th December, '08. 483—John Wallis, 15th June '09. 484—Horace D. Cooper, 15th June '09. 485—Harvey D. Graham, 7th October '08. 486—Ernest L. Fralick, 29th May '09. 487—Alex. Clark 23rd June '08.

RESTORATIONS, 1908—1909.

11—Aaron J. Jones, W. E. B. Thomas, Alfred Bates, Silas Thompson. 15—William M. Shaw. 16—D'Arcy F. Hooker, Frederick H. Dinsmore, George A. Elliott, John McMurren. 22—David Shepard, Edwin Millikin. 24—William H. Donald. 32—Edward Waltho. 34—Walter Middleditch. 35—Asa R. Atkinson. 37—J. A. Crawford. 40—Robert Hall, C. F. Forest, Gilbert Hartley. 41—H. A. B. Le Strange, Robert Montrose, A. J. Scratch. 47—William Belseme, C. F. Mezger, John Nobbs. 52—J. H. Salmon. 55—W. G. Gardiner, W. H. Burrett. 57—Fred C. Overend, Ed. J. Duffy. 58—Robert C. Henry, Robert T. Shillington, N. S. Cornell. 61—Fred A. Gardiner. 62—John B. Munro, Melvin Wardell. 64—George D. Wandless. 69—James Whitton, Louis W. Searles, Joseph G. Mitz. 72—John R. Clunes. 75—Lewis McKenzie, Wilson Phillips. 76—John Plate. 78—Steph. J. Crane. 86—Geo. Maynard, Wm. H. Essery. 88—Jno G. Somerville. 91—Jas. A. Kerr. 92—Chas. F. Browne, Louis Dubois, Edward Hilley. 100—James B. Meacham. 101—James Coyle, F. Brown. 104—John Underhill. 106—Peter Griffin. 109—William Cannon. 110—James W. Swan, Joseph S. Lane, Samuel Hollingsworth, J. W.

Thoop, J. A. Tripp, John Turner, R. M. Keeler, Murray M. Duff.
 116—John D. Clark. 119—Thomas A. Seaward. 121—Richard Storey.
 123—Ed. Bartlett, 2nd July '08. 127—Orton Moran, C. E. Knight.
 129—George W. Johnston, 1st May. 133—John W. Broderick. 135—
 David Fraser, James D. Cummings. 136—Gordon R. Duncan. 141—
 John T. Wren. 142—Frank W. Sherman. 144—Alex. Vivian, R. T.
 Irwin, Alex. Christie. 153—Harry Forrester, Robert Blackburn. 156
 John Willis, 21st May '09. 158—Joseph Hare. 169—Duncan C. Mc-
 Farland. 180—James R. Palmer. 184—Hugh Morrison. 186—Niles G.
 Ross. 192—Nelson Janes. 193—Thomas Kerr, Charles Messecar. 194
 John J. Bell. 196—James Taylor. 216—William Dawson. 217—Joseph
 L. Brown. 218—Herbert T. Whitton, William J. Howell, Charles
 Wellband. 222—John L. Augner. 225—Alex. Hassard. 228—W. R.
 Baker. 229—James Anderson. 231—John L. Richardson. 236—Alex.
 Farquhar, John Heaslip. 238—Alfred Dunlop, Joseph Beech, John
 Owens, John G. Robinson. 249—William W. Robertson. 254—James
 G. Carr. 255—Owen C. Watson, Russel Aitken. 256—Austin E. Fet-
 terly. 258—George Anderson. 286—S. E. Kent. 287—John K. Mc-
 Lennan. 289—Malcolm D. Cameron, Rd. Perry. 290—George Dunbar.
 295—James Cross. 302—Charles E. Locke, William H. Beal. 303—
 John H. McCool. 306—William P. Caldwell, Joseph Burnett. 309—
 A. E. Brunsden. 311—Charles R. Orr, Hugh Gourley. 312—D. E.
 Sutherland. 315—Thomas Downey. 316—Alfred G. Robinson, C. E.
 Maguire. 318—Colm Berdaux. 320—John W. Cameron, Morley P.
 Becker. 322—Thomas J. Coneter, P. C. Telfer. 325—Robert Winters,
 James McComb. 326—W. S. Milne. 337—Augustus Robertson, Geo.
 Rogers, George H. Neal, A. R. Robertson. 338—James C. Munson.
 339—Thomas Faragher. 341—John W. Myles. 343—John Percy, Wil-
 liam E. Wright. 344—Edward T. Shaw. 346—John Fox, Henry Ellis,
 T. R. Young. 347—Peter Perry. 360—George E. Macready. 367—
 David Clark, 2nd April '09. 368—Levi Patton. 377—W. B. Elliott,
 Andrew Kirpatrick. 382—William Hunter. 383—Andrew Brown,
 William H. Walker. 390—J. H. McLevey. 394—Matthew Day. 400—
 Stanley P. Anderson. 403—D. H. Hind, Israel Kinney, James P.
 Hall. 405—J. A. McMartin. 409—J. T. Torey, T. L. Hamill, H. C.
 Hess. 412—J. P. Mcinnis. 414—Angus McD. Belfeuil, Arthur J.
 Bruce, Alex. Mowat, Fred A. Hudson. 415—Robert A. McManus.
 418—Andrew J. Smith. 419—William Holmes. 420—William Howey,
 Alex. Braith, Thomas Henry Torrance, Hugh Craig. 424—William
 Gormley, Robert E. Johnston, Fred Nighswander. 430—Charles M.
 Kittson. 431—John Snell, Taylor Freeman, William H. Young. 436
 Edward Y. Chapman. 438—W. J. Stinson. 441—John M. Taggart.
 475—Frank N. Chapman.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

GEORGE CRYSTAL

Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook,
Past Grand Chaplain

DIED 28th JULY, 1908

Right Worshipful Brother

THOMAS CREIGHTON MAGNABB

Past Master of the Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton
Past District Deputy Grand Master of
St Clair District, No 2.

DIED 6th AUGUST, 1908

Right Worshipful Brother

FREDERICK CALVIN MARTIN

Past Master of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock
Past Grand Registrar

DIED 1st SEPTEMBER, 1908

Right Worshipful Brother

THOMAS PINKERTON

Past Master of Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove
Past District Deputy Grand Master of North
Huron District, No. 5.

DIED 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1908

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

CHARLES WILLER MULLIGAN

Past Master of Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District, No. 8.

DIED 14th SEPTEMBER, 1908

Right Worshipful Brother

WESLEY LATTIMER

Past Master of Moira Lodge, No. 11, Beleville

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward District No. 13.

DIED 23rd DECEMBER 1908

Right Worshipful Brother

CHRISTOPHER McLELLAN

Past Master of Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, Stratford,

Past District Deputy Grand Master of South Huron District Lodge, No. 4,

DIED 16th MARCH, 1909

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN BROWN RANKIN

Past Master of Parthenon Lodge, No. 247, Chatham.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Erie District, No. 1.

Past Grand Senior Warden.

DIED 19th MAY, 1909

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

SAMUEL SMITH REVELER

Past Master of Henderson Lodge, No. 383, West Winchester.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Eastern
District, No. 21.

DIED 7th JULY, 1909

Very Worshipful Brother

JAMES ROBERT DUNN

Past Master of Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto.

Past Grand Steward.

DIED 23rd AUGUST, 1908

Very Worshipful Brother

OLIVER G. COPELAND

Past Master of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke.

Grand Steward.

DIED 18th SEPTEMBER, 1908

Very Worshipful Brother

RICHARD ROBERTS

Past Master of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste Marie.

Past Grand Pursuivant.

DIED 26th SEPTEMBER, 1908

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS, 1909—1910.

The Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt Sarnia

The Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White Toronto

The District Deputy Grand Masters.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Elliott	Glencoe	Erie	District No. 1
" J. H. Argue	Strathroy	St. Clair	" 2
" Wm. Wallace	London	London	" 3
" Chris. Hodgins	Lucan	South Huron	" 4
" D. Patterson	Lucknow	North Huron	" 5
" J. A. Messecar	Scotland	Wilson	" 6
" D. W. Houston	Berlin	Wellington	" 7
" Wm. M. Logan	Hamilton	Hamilton	" 8
" W. A. Sneath	Elmvale	Georgian	" 9
" James E. Merriman	St. Catharines	Niagara	" 10
" Wilson Wilby	Weston	Toronto West	" 11
" J. T. Power	Queensville	Toronto East	" 11a
" Ralph Clark	Lindsay	Ontario	" 12
" R. H. Spencer	Trenton	Pr. Edward	" 13
" T. D. Minnes	Kingston	Frontenac	" 14
" A. Langstaff	Kemptville	St. Lawrence	" 15
" D. H. McIntosh	Carleton Place	Ottawa	" 16
" T. J. Cherry	Keewatin	Algoma	" 17
" J. B. Wallace	Little Current	Nipissing	" 18
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APPENDIX TO REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE

The following table showing a comparison of the number of cases relieved during the years 1904 to 1908 inclusive, and of the ages of the beneficiaries should be read with the extracts from the Report of the Inspector.

Year	Applications	Grants	Extreme Cases	Paid by Grand Lodge	Paid by Lodges
1904	318	300	22	13,940.00	14,000.00
1905	334	304	26	22,110.00	16,855.00
1906	350	318	36	20,150.00	15,000.00
1907	349	338	44	23,166.30	14,500.00
1908	379	374	62	26,372.00	17,000.00

In 1906 we had 318 on the Benefit Fund of whom 103 or nearly a third were over 70 and in 1907 with 338 we had 117 over 70 years as follows :

	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	over 90
1906	34	33	22	11	3
1907	50	28	26	7	6

Appendix to Proceedings of 1909

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Grand Lodge of Canada :

Your committee on Correspondence beg leave to present the twenty-seventh report prepared by the present Chairman.

When we were asked to write an article on Freemasonry in Russia, the reply naturally came that it would be similar to that celebrated historical chapter on the Snakes of Ireland, which consisted of six words: "There are no snakes in Ireland."

There may be Freemasonry in Russia, but it is not visible. There was a time when it existed there, but it never flourished to any great extent. The capacity to understand and appreciate the genuine benefits of the Craft was lacking, and there was no bond of community between the lodges. The Orthodox Party of the Greek Church were its enemies, and their methods of persecution differed but little from those of the Clerical Party in Roman Catholic countries. Although assassination was not often resorted to, the brethren were imprisoned and exiled and their property confiscated, all in the name of Religion and to the praise and glory of the God of Mercy.

The popular supposition has been that Peter the Great brought Freemasonry into Russia from England, but the proof is wanting. During his reign there were secret societies in Russia, the Rosicrucians, the Illuminati, the Strict Observance, and others. These flourished for a time while Peter was trying to bring his kingdom out of its state of semi-barbarism. Some of the members of these bodies were Freemasons, but no Russian Masonic lodge was in existence.

It was during the reign of Catherine II. that the first lodge was formed in Russia. The prime mover

was a German, Bro. Von Reichell, who was the Principal of the National Military School. He had been a member of a lodge in Berlin, and the new lodge, "Appollo," was formed under the German System, in St. Petersburg, on the 27th of March, 1771. It started with 14 members—ten Germans, three Alsatians and one Russian. In June of the same year a second lodge was opened in St. Petersburg under the patronage of England, and they promptly declared the first lodge illegal. A message was sent from London to Berlin that "the London Grand Lodge had the exclusive right of constituting other lodges in the whole world." The Germans temporized, fearful of an invasion of their own jurisdiction by England. The German lodges were rather weak then, and had troubles of their own, so they did not desire any more complications if they could be avoided. The Apollo lodge suspended work, but in 1773 Bro. Von Reichell founded another lodge (with a Russian Prince at its head), and afterwards three others. The Apollo lodge was also reopened.

In 1774 the English organized five lodges—three in St. Petersburg, one in Moscow, and one in Jassy—and the fight went merrily on. The result was, that in 1776, the English Representative, finding the Court influence against him, abandoned the English System and went over to the German System, taking with him the whole of his lodges.

In 1777 there were 18 lodges working under the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Petersburg, according to the Swedo-Berlin System. For a few years Freemasonry was "fashionable," and the lodges and the membership and the Systems all increased. At one time they had the Swedish Provincial Grand Lodge, the English Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Russian National Grand Lodge, but this prosperity did not last long. The fashionable element grew tired of their play, and quit. Numerous and serious dissensions grew up between the Systems. The advent of Cagliostro, with his Egyptian Mysteries, brought reproach upon the Craft. The French Revolution was said to have been caused by Freemasons, and all the crowned heads of Europe were supposed to be in danger from the secret machinations of the Craft. The blow fell in January, 1794, when Empress Catherine issued a

decree forbidding all assemblages of Freemasons, and in a few months no lodges were to be found within the Empire. This decree was renewed by Catherine's successor, Paul I., in 1797.

Under Alexander I. a few lodges were reopened, and in 1810 they received official recognition and confirmation. Then ensued a revival. Within ten years there were 31 lodges, but their progress was again stopped by internal dissensions. Then came renewed fears for monarchical institutions, and the Freemasons were blamed for all the acts of the Carbonari and the other revolutionary societies. Alexander, under the influence of Metternich, the celebrated Austrian diplomat, believed these stories against the brethren whom he had formerly supported.

In August, 1822, he issued an Edict closing all the lodges, and they have never been reopened since.

We now turn to more pleasant pictures, commencing with the land of "Here we rest."

ALABAMA

88th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 1, 1908.

Hugh S. D. Mallory, G.M.

The Craft has grown greatly in numbers and influence during the past year. Seventeen new lodges were opened. Speaking of his official visits, Bro. Mallory shows that he is deeply impressed with the lofty aims and objects of the Institution. His efforts to induce the brethren to share his true convictions will undoubtedly bear fruit in the future.

It was my good fortune to make quite a number of official visits, in connection with Masonic Conferences, installation of officers, dedication of Masonic halls, laying corner-stones of public edifices, and to subordinate lodges. I was much gratified to observe the Masonic spirit evident on these occasions, and the striking personality of the brethren, showing that our membership is drawn from the best of our citizenship. It is not strange that this should be the case, in view of the lofty principles taught by our Order, and the high standard of life upheld by us.

On these visits, as well in my public addresses as in the lodge halls, I took occasion to make prominent the great truths of the common fatherhood of God and the common brotherhood of man, and the duties flowing therefrom, the necessity for righteous citizenship, respect for and obedience to law, and the living of clean, temperate and useful lives, and to impress upon the brethren their obligation, not only to abstain from every evil or immoral act, but to be active in all good things, and by lives consecrated to the

immortal tenets of Masonry to fulfil the purposes which the great Architect, our God and Father, had in view in the providential establishment of the Craft. Everywhere I found the brethren responsive to these appeals.

I also improved these opportunities to make clear to those present not Masons the purpose and mission of Masonry, what it stood for, the place it was filling in the world, the great good it was doing in making better men, better husbands, fathers, sons and citizens and better servants of the Great Master.

The lodges cheerfully and promptly responded to the additional per capita tax of \$1 for the Masonic Home. The apprehension that it might cause the loss of some lodges, or prevent the organization of new lodges, has not been verified. It is believed that the establishment of the Home will give an impetus to the Order. They have \$36,000 with which to begin operations, and the work will go on.

Letters to the Grand Lodges of Paraguay and Guatemala, as to their sovereignty and Craft working, received no reply. Recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil was declined. Action on Chili was deferred.

Perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates is now abolished in Alabama. The time limit is now three years. We are glad to notice this change of heart.

It was decided that the song, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was not sectarian, doctrinal or denominational, and "no sentiment in it can be construed as violating any religious belief of any Mason."

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the ordering, soliciting, printing, circulating or distributing of any parody of the esoteric work of Masonry for advertising purposes be declared a Masonic offence and any Master Mason so offending shall be subject to discipline.

Resolved, That any lodge, having jurisdiction of such offence, which fails to take any action thereon, may subject itself to discipline.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb's report on Correspondence is an able presentation of all the important matters appearing in the Proceedings of sixty jurisdictions, including Canada for 1907.

Hugh S. D. Mallory (Selma), G.M.

George A. Beauchamp (Montgomery), G.S.

ALBERTA

3rd Communication, Edmonton, May 27th, 1908.

Hedley C. Taylor, G. M.

The Grand Master gives a very concise account of

his stewardship and tabulates *seriatim* his official acts. Dispensations were granted for 13 new Lodges. From his remarks on the condition of the Craft we quote the ensuing paragraph:

Probably in no other Grand Jurisdiction has the percentage of gain been as great as in ours, being nearly 30%. For the twelve months of 1907 our net increase is 555, 134 more than the previous sixteen months of our existence as a Grand Lodge. Truly this is encouraging, but I want to sound a warning to the subordinate lodges; I want them always to remember that it is quality, not quantity, that is wanted. In a country like ours, where new people are continually coming, much more care is required on the part of the Committees on Character than in an old, settled community, where the majority of the applicants have been born and brought up in the neighborhood. In such places the work of such committees is not nearly so arduous as with us. In our jurisdiction many of the applicants have only completed the term of residence required by our Constitution, and the greatest care should be taken by the committee. They should not be content with local enquiries.

A good move has been made in the appointment of a Grand Historian, and the brother selected for that position, Bro. Charles H. Stuart-Wade, has some very good ideas on this subject, well worthy of being carried out; we copy two paragraphs from his report:

I would submit that the records and correspondence of interest, accumulated by the Grand Secretary during each year, be placed in the hands of your Grand Historian a month or two before each convocation of Grand Lodge, in order that he may edit, and direct your attention to any matter of general Masonic interest: further, that some secure and fireproof repository be provided for their safe custody.

I would suggest that each lodge be required to forward to your Grand Historian, one month before the annual convocation, a brief history of any important events, discussions, lectures, etc., that may have a bearing on Masonry, either locally or generally. A good Masonic library is essential, and should, by the co-operation of individual brethren, donations of old and new books, pictures and engravings, be speedily obtained.

The sum of \$500.00 was voted as a nucleus for a Masonic Home Fund.

Rev. G. H. Hogbin (Calgary), G. M.

Dr. G. Macdonald (Calgary), G. S.

ARIZONA

27th Communication, Prescott, Nov. 17th, 1908.

Cyrus Grant Jones, G. M.

The lodges are all in a strong, healthy condition. The increase in membership was 123.

The Territorial Legislature had passed an Act "to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the

Insignia, Distinctive Ribbons, Membership Rosette or Button of Benevolent, Fraternal or Secret Societies or Organizations," and under its provisions the Grand Lodge registered, as their Emblem, the Square and Compasses, with letter "G" enclosed.

The time of meeting was changed from the second Tuesday in November to the second Tuesday in February.

The following resolutions were adopted:

That no intoxicating wines or liquors be allowed to be used as a beverage at any banquet, luncheon, or other entertainment held by the lodges of this jurisdiction within any lodge room, under the control of any lodge of this jurisdiction. * * *

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to prepare and issue annually cards certifying to the good standing of the member whose name may be written thereon, the said cards to bear the print of the seal of the Grand Lodge, the date when issued, and a facsimile of the signature of the Grand Secretary, and be issued annually in such quantities as may be required; and visiting members be required to present such card when seeking admission into any lodge other than their own, in this or foreign jurisdictions.

Fletcher Morris Doan (Tombstone), G. M.
George J. Roskrue (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS

66th Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 17, 1908.

M. W. Greeson, G. M.

Speaking of their Schools of Instruction, and the efficient work of the District Deputies, Bro. Greeson says:

I do not think we can too strongly stress the importance of these schools and the work of the District Deputies. Uniformity is essential: the custodians keep the work pure and expressed in simple but forcible language, so as to make a deep imprint on the mind of the candidate, and the District Deputies thus give it to the lodges. If we are to bring our work up to a high degree of proficiency, I believe the present method should be adhered to, and even enlarged by requiring each District Deputy to hold a school of instruction in his district, which shall be attended by each Master in the district. I do not know but that I should go further, and say, before being installed a Master must stand an examination on the work. Think of it! In the beautiful symbolic degree we reveal to the candidate the whole problem of life, death and immortality. No broader view of life and the duties of man can be given when the journey from the beginning to the climax is properly made, and the ceremonies are couched in pure and simple language.

The Grand Master decided that "Hitchcock's An-

alysis of the Bible was not to be used on the altar in lieu of the Bible.

Ten new lodges were opened.

The Grand Orient of Greece, presided over by Bro. Burbagly, was recognized. The other one, of which Bro. Petrakis is Grand Master, is reported to be disintegrating.

A report on Correspondence is to be published next year.

An event which caused great rejoicing was the Coronation of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Fay Hempstead, as Poet Laureate of Freemasonry. This ceremony took place in Ravenswood Lodge, at Chicago, on October 5th, 1908. An elaborate program was excellently carried out. The laurel crown was placed on the head of the happy recipient by Bro. General John Corson Smith, in his usual felicitous manner. We quote the history of the movement:

Bro. Spencer said that the subject of selecting a Poet Laureate of Freemasonry had many times been suggested since the death of Bro. Rob Morris, some ten years ago. Bro. John Corson Smith had mentioned the subject a number of times in his Reports on Correspondence, and the enquiry had been, Shall we not fill the vacancy, and who shall be the successor? Finally, upon seeing the poem entitled "Sextennial," by Bro. Fay Hempstead, he at once recognized it as true and excellent poetry, and that any one who could write such poetry as that was worthy to be chosen the successor. It was not the first of Bro. Hempstead's poetry that he had read, but none other had impressed him so much. He investigated more of Bro. Hempstead's writings, and came to the conclusion that here was the one for the selection. Accordingly he nominated Bro. Hempstead for the position of Poet Laureate of Freemasonry in the May number of the Masonic Voice-Review, of which he is editor. The suggestion was at once taken up by a number of brethren prominent in Masonic affairs, Grand Masters, Grand Recorders and others, in different parts of the United States, to such an extent as to indicate a thorough and widespread desire that the selection should be so bestowed. Accordingly, to obtain the views of the Craft at large, a system of referendum was instituted by means of a circular, which was sent to the presiding officer and the Recorder or Secretary of every Grand Body in the United States and Canada, asking whether they favored the filling of the vacancy in the post of Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, for which he had nominated Bro. Hempstead, and if so, by whom; and suggesting the names of five brethren living in Chicago, Past Grand Masters all, to serve as a canvassing board to tabulate and count the votes, provided there were votes received from a majority of the Grand Bodies addressed. These circulars were sent to 183 Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, Grand Commanderies; the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and to the Supreme

Councils of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction. Of these 183, 92 would constitute the necessary majority. Replies were received from 134 Grand Bodies, being 42 more than the number necessary for making a selection.

When all the votes were in, the committee which acted as a canvassing board met and counted the votes. Each Grand Body was given two votes, but in many instances only one from such Grand Body was cast. On counting the votes it was found that 163 votes had been cast by the 134 Grand Bodies voting; necessary for a choice, 85; of which Bro. Hempstead received 161 votes, there being eight votes given for other brethren. There were a number of votes given by Past Grand Officers and minor Grand Officers, which, with very few exceptions, were given for Bro. Hempstead, but as counting them would not have changed the result—would have intensified it, in fact—and in order to make the vote as near an official vote as possible, the committee decided not to take these votes into consideration, and proclaimed the result only on the official figures which they gave in their official report. * * *

The custom of crowning a poet had a very early origin. The Greeks and Romans crowned with laurel those who were adjudged best in musical contests. In the twelfth century the Emperor of Germany, following the custom, instituted the title of Poet Laureate, and the position was definitely established through the crowning of Petrarch, the first of poets to create for himself a name as a lyric poet, who by invitation of the Roman Senate was crowned in the Capitol by the Roman Senator Orso, Count of Aguillara, April 8th, 1341, King Robert of Sicily being his patron therein.

The custom was introduced into England in 1367, when King Edward III., emulating the crowning of Petrarch, granted the office to the poet Chaucer, as an official gift. It was held in succession by Spenser, Ben Johnson and others. From the time of Johnson, in 1619, it became an office dispensable by the crown, carrying with it an annuity and certain perquisites; and since that time there has been a regular succession of Laureates of England down to our own time, embracing such familiar names as Dryden, Southey, Colley Cibber, Wordsworth and Alfred Tennyson, the greatest of the series, the present Laureate of England being Alfred Austin.

No doubt the maintenance of the position as one of official bestowal in England suggested to the brethren of Scotland the propriety of instituting a similar position within their own circles, and accordingly, by the general consent of the Fraternity, Robert Burns, the idol of the Scottish Craft, as he has been of the world at large, was given the honor as the first Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, by his being crowned in Canongate Kilwinning Lodge at Edinburgh in 1787. After Burns' death no one arose to receive the general selection of the Craft as the representative of Freemasonry at large until 1884, when Rob Morris, of Kentucky, the first in America to receive the honor and the second through general selection, was, by the common consent of the Craft, crowned as Laureate in the Grand Lodge Hall in New York City. Morris died in 1898, since which time the post has remained vacant, and now after this interval of ten years we are to crown the third Laureate selected by the general consent of the Craft, in the person

of the Brother on whom the honor is to be bestowed in this hall to-night.

Edgar A. McCulloch (Little Rock), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

37th Communication, Victoria, June 18th, 1908.

F. Bowser, G. M.

Harmony and prosperity prevail amongst all the lodges; the Grand Master is to be congratulated on refusing dispensations to confer degrees in less than the authorized time. His address is altogether most concise and gives a pithy account of the working of his jurisdiction. Feeling references were made to the demise of their Past Grand Master, Eli M. Harrison, Sr., and our own beloved Brother, Hugh Murray.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized, but recognition of the Gran Logia "Cosmos" was withheld.

A communication from the officers of a Chinese Society, asking recognition, was read and ordered filed. Four new lodges were granted dispensations—at Victoria, Vancouver (2), and Penticton, respectively.

The report on Correspondence is again from the able pen of Bro. W. A. De Wolf-Smith, who reviews our Proceedings of 1907; he compliments Bro. Burritt on his able address and copies practically all of his rulings, with one of which, however, he fails to agree, namely, the right of an illegitimate person to be made a Mason, and in so doing twists the word "honest" to suit his own view. We quote from his introductory remarks the ensuing paragraph:

From reading the reports from other jurisdictions one cannot avoid the conclusion that the Craft throughout the world is enjoying a season of prosperity the like of which has never been known. Some Grand Masters have expressed the opinion that the Craft is too popular, and that not sufficient care is being exercised in the selection of material. These ideas prevailed, however, a hundred years or more ago, and it is not probable that the Institution is in any greater danger now than it was then. At the same time, it can do no harm to call attention to the necessity of a careful selection of the candidates who present themselves. There are enough good men seeking admission to our lodges to secure that the Craft will not suffer from a paucity of members.

Wm. K. Houston (Victoria), G. M.

R. E. Brett (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA

59th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 13, 1908.

George M. Perine, G. M.

We regret very much to hear of the serious illness of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Reuben H. Lloyd, who has been one of the most active Masons in California for many years. We have met with him on several occasions, and were much impressed with his energy and ability. He wrote to the Grand Lodge, declining any further favors on account of his ill-health, and the Grand Lodge passed resolutions of deep sympathy, and also recognizing his many and valuable services.

The address of the Grand Master recounts all of his official acts, with full details. He was certainly very active and energetic. We quote his opening :

Every institution, society or order is beneficial in its ultimate results just in proportion as it enlists, encourages and assists the individual to fight this battle and gain this victory. Spasmodic fevers of charity will never gain the battle of life. Character is to be found in the permanent disposition of the mind, in the governing purpose of the life. This purpose is the result of a deliberate, unreserved commitment of the spirit to the ends of worthiness. To overcome this selfish power, it is absolutely necessary for the individual to commit himself fully, firmly and deliberately, unreservedly, to the ends of benevolence. What the man needs, what the interests of his moral nature demand in this conflict with these selfish tendencies, is some individual, some influence, some institution which will lead or induce him to rise up to worthiness. The smallest acquisition of such in any quarter is so much good to the commonwealth of men.

A true man is himself a temple, a radiating centre of influence that tints the lives that come into its light. We have heard that Masonry is grand because it is old ; not so. Masonry is old because it is grand. What is truth is effective, generative, makes for itself room, food and allies. All truth and moral force is a positive good : it goes out from you whether you will or not, and profits me, whom you never thought of.

Masonry has withstood the ravages of time, and unrelenting crusades against it, because it was founded upon a philosophic basis. It has noble, grand ends to accomplish. Masonry is that Imperial Institution whose example has actually called into being almost every other benevolent order which exists to-day ; it is that imperishable institution which takes by the hand the brother who has fallen in this battle of life, raises him to his feet again, gently brushes from his brow the dust of defeat, and encourages him to go forth again to the conflict with renewed strength and a firmer determination to accomplish something in life.

It must always be a joy to a Mason to meet and know a man that has hoped, felt, failed, loved and lived. Masonry is that noble Institution which in the silent watches, unobserved, carries

joy and gladness to the lonely and desolate of earth; that immovable Institution which, by her tenets and cordial virtue, draws unbidden to her sanctum-sanctorum the high, the low, the rich, the poor, and numbers them all alike, her own plighted sons and workmen; and by its sublime principles, unswerving faith and noble deeds, challenges the admiration of all men.

We are Masons not for what we may get, but for what we may attain, what we may do for others. This is its glory—this is what makes Masonry the synonym of charity in the world, will shed brightness and yet still brighter lustre upon its honored name as the centuries one by one shall be added to the past.

Eleven new lodges are reported. The gain in membership was 2,543, bringing up the total to 38,669, in 326 lodges.

A site for the new Masonic temple in San Francisco was purchased for \$235,000. The lot fronts on three streets, and is 109 feet by 120 feet. The work of collecting funds for the building is to be proceeded with at once.

The committee on Masonry in the Philippine Islands presented an exhaustive and elaborate report, giving the history of the Craft in these Islands, and also in Spain, whence it originated, so far as procurable through many difficulties. The members of the Craft in both places, for many years, were persecuted relentlessly, hunted, imprisoned and shot, but nevertheless they kept their altar fires burning, and now the era of persecution has passed, and prospects are bright for the future. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the several lodges now working under charters from this Grand Lodge should take immediate steps to organize a Grand Lodge of Masons for the territory of the Philippine Islands.

That the matter of the regularity of Spanish Masonry or Masonry in the Philippine Islands be, and the same is, hereby referred to such Grand Lodge, when so organized, for its action; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this report, together with the data herewith attached, be furnished the several lodges now chartered by this Grand Lodge and working in the Philippine Islands.

The former resolution, limiting the report on Correspondence to fifty pages, was rescinded.

In one of their trials, the accused was convicted upon his own evidence given in a Court of Justice under a promise of indemnity from the State officials. It was very properly ruled that such promise would avail the accused nothing in a Masonic trial. He

could not be permitted to shield his depravity by such a plea.

Alberta was recognized.

A resolution was adopted that no spirituous, malt or fermented liquors should be served at any Masonic banquet or gathering.

It was decided to affiliate with The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

The fee for life membership was reduced from \$200 to \$150.

With great regret the Grand Lodge received the resignation of Bro. George Johnson, Grand Secretary for 20 years. Ill-health was the cause. They partially recognized his valuable services by a grant of \$1,500.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Alonzo J. Monroe, and reviews most of the Proceedings for two years, Canada for 1906 included. We quote part of his eloquent conclusion:

No one can read the Proceedings of the doings of Masonic brethren in all parts of the world without being both exalted and humbled—exalted in feeling and in his respect for common human nature by the evidence of noble aspiration and high achievement by Masons in different lands, and humbled by the thought of his own failure to live up to Masonic ideals. For, as Hamlet says, "Use every man after his deserts, and which of us would 'scape whipping?" These reports are one of the links in the chain of Masonic influence by which men living in widely separated countries, and having different national prejudices, are bound in unity and concord by the Golden Bands of Brotherhood. Contemplating this grand Fraternity, having for its object the elevation of man, we cannot but exclaim: "Hail! Masonry, Hail! Offspring of the Divine in man! Evangel of Peace and Enemy of War! Proceed on down the ages. The noblest men of earth will acclaim your glorious worth and pay homage at your shrine. Hail!! and again, Hail!"

Contemplating the majestic Spiritual Temple that our departed brothers have builded, and which we are striving to build higher, recalling the memories of the widow's son, of Washington, of Franklin, of the multitude of great and good that crowd upon the mind, stirred by high resolves, we pray that we may so live and act as Masons that we may be among those

"Immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by their presence: live
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable aims that end with self,
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge man's search
To vaster issues.

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May I reach
That purest heaven, be to other souls
The cup of strength in some great agony,
Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love,
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty—
Be the sweet presence of a good diffused,
And in diffusion ever more intense.
So I shall join the choir invisible
Whose music is the gladness of the world.”

Oscar Lawler (Los Angeles), G. M.
John Whicher (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO

48th Communication, Denver, Sept. 21st, 1908.

Joseph A. Davis, G. M.

The growth has been steady, so the Grand Master reports, and the lodges are all in a prosperous condition. The Grand Master travelled nearly 5,000 miles in making his official visits, and reports granting dispensations for three new lodges. He gives the following good advice:

That is to say, human nature is so constituted, especially in those that are outside of the lodge or the Church, that if a member stumbles and falls, that one is sorted out and made a mark of, to be pointed at as a member of the Masonic Fraternity or of some Church. They forget those that do lead upright, manly, kindly Masonic lives, so I urge upon you during the coming year that we be governed not only by the tenets of a Mason's profession, but that the rules laid down in the Bible, that Great Light in Masonry, be carefully observed, for the eyes of the world are upon us and point to our failures more often than to our achievements.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, in his Report on Correspondence, reviews our Proceedings for 1907, and compliments us on our splendid record. His conclusion summarizes the more important topics in a very interesting manner; we make no apology for quoting extensively therefrom:

The great prosperity of the Fraternity to which we have referred in previous reports still continues. Not only is it manifest in this country, but in all English-speaking lands. While, in the opinion of some, this large increase in numbers bodes no good, yet, if there be careful inspection of material, no danger is to be apprehended. The power of the Fraternity for good and the betterment of humanity is thereby augmented and its beneficent influence more widely extended. The large number of young men of sterling character who are seeking our portals augurs well for the future of the Fraternity and gives assurance that its distinguishing features,

traditions and Landmarks will be transmitted to active and intelligent minds and into the custody of safe hands.

In the matter of conducting the correspondence of lodges in different jurisdictions through their respective Grand Masters, there is a wide diversity of opinion. We have not hesitated to oppose the practice as an invasion of the inherent rights of the lodges, and to declare that where it has been engrafted upon Craft Masonry, it has been copied from a similar enactment in a semi-military concordant Grand body. The practice has crept into this jurisdiction of late years, but we have failed to find any law justifying the same, and in the absence of any such enactment, our lodges are at liberty to conduct their own affairs as they see proper, within Constitutional limits. Our views on this question have been endorsed by some of the ablest writers, and should the matter come before our Grand Lodge for formal determination, we are certain there will be no unanimity of opinion.

The question of whether an appointive officer can demit seems to be decided in the negative, on the ground that he has been obligated to discharge the duties of the office for the Masonic year, and until his successor has been appointed. Another practice that is gradually creeping into the Fraternity is that of suppressing the names of the members of investigating committees and have them make report privately to the Master, and he to the lodge, giving the nature of the report.

Then there is the disposition to confer the degrees of the Ancient Craft upon classes, and the "collective ballot" has come to the front in some jurisdictions. The lectures and monitorial instructions are postponed to a more convenient time in some cases, and, taken altogether, it will be seen that there is great danger of innovations securing a foothold unless greater vigilance is maintained.

The misuse of the black ball still continues to engage the attention of Grand Masters and the Fraternity, but there seems to be no remedy.

"Documentary evidence" is growing in favor, owing to the spread of clandestinism, and accelerated in cases where Grand Masters themselves have been denied admission to lodges in other Grand jurisdictions, not having "documentary evidence," and while laboring under the impression which prevailed in the old régime, that "a Mason carries his Masonry in his head." * * *

Many Grand Orients of Scottish Rite origin are requesting recognition from Grand Lodges of the York Rite, but with indifferent success. In our opinion, as heretofore expressed, there must be some common ground of agreement before such recognition can be generally extended. Whether complete severance of allegiance to Supreme Councils will be regarded as sufficient to justify recognition, remains to be determined.

In England and her Colonies, Past Rank is still conferred, and regarded as a high distinction. In our opinion it is unmeaning and valueless. Active service in an office should alone confer past rank and distinction. In other words, honors should be earned. To make a brother a Past Grand Master, Past Grand Warden or Past Grand Deacon for service rendered the Craft in some other capacity, is to rob the office of its distinguishing significance.

Legislation against the admission of liquor-sellers to the Fraternity is general through the South and West. In the latter

section a Grand Master started the ball a-rolling in another direction by declaring that dealing on the stock board was gambling and a Masonic offence. This was modified to apply to proprietors of what are known as "bucket shops," and such were declared to be subject to Masonic discipline.

We note a large and increasing number of dispensations to confer degrees out of time, and also to confer more than five degrees in one day.

Nearly every Grand Lodge has a Masonic Home or one in prospect, or a Fund of Benevolence.

It is still an open question whether a Home is the best, or whether help extended in other directions is the more desirable and effective.

John B. Haffy (Del Norte), G. M.

Charles H. Jacobson (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT

121st Communication, New Haven, Jan. 20, 1909.

Edward E. Fuller, G. M.

They mourn the loss of two Past Grand Masters, Dwight Waugh, G. M. in 1884, and John H. Barlow, G. M. in 1880. Bro. Barlow was Grand Secretary for 14 years, and also Chairman of Correspondence. His many good qualities endeared him to all who knew him. The writer met him on several occasions, and was much impressed with his sterling character and zeal for the Craft. The news of his death came to us as a personal loss.

The Grand Master properly refused permission to a lodge to join in a civic parade. He made a number of visits, one of which is especially noteworthy:

On the evening of February 14th, by invitation, I visited and addressed the Yale Masonic Club, of Yale University. The membership of this Club embraces any Yale man, whether an undergraduate, an alumnus, or any member of the faculty or corps of instructors, who is a Mason. The object of the Club is to perfect themselves in Masonry and promote sociability and good-fellowship among the members.

There are at the present time some sixty members, embracing Masons from nearly every State and Territory in the Union. Harvard University has a similar organization, as have also other colleges and universities. This Club is one of which the Masonic Fraternity may well be proud, embracing, as it does and will, so many men of intellect and scholarship, many of whom will, without doubt, make great names for themselves in our country's history, and will be an honor and ornament to our great Fraternity. It proved to be one of the most delightful events in my year's visitations, and I felt highly honored on being informed that I had been unanimously elected as an honorary member of their organization.

The following resolution was adopted in consequence of some attempts having been made to introduce clandestine Masonry:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, who shall serve during the coming year, and whose duty it shall be to take such action in the Legislature, or before a committee thereof, or otherwise, as in their judgment may seem best to obtain the passage of such laws as will be for the protection of the Order and prevent unscrupulous persons imposing upon the societies of the State of Connecticut in the name of Freemasonry.

Another resolution adopted was as follows:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut heartily endorses the crusade against tuberculosis.

That it heartily approves of the establishment of a state sanatoria, and also of a campaign of education for the elimination of this scourge of humanity, which now seems within human power to control.

The report on Correspondence was commenced by Bro. Barlow and finished by Bro. Frank W. Havens. On the question of perpetual jurisdiction we find the following in the review of Louisiana:

In referring to the matter of perpetual jurisdiction which Connecticut holds to, the reviewer evidently has misconstrued Connecticut's position. What we claim as an infringement of our rights—from a courteous standpoint—is that some of our neighboring jurisdictions do not extend to us a courteous recognition of our claims. We do not claim the right of jurisdiction over "every citizen who has once been a resident of this jurisdiction," but do claim perpetual jurisdiction over such as have been acted upon by our lodges, and it is such that Bro. Barlow referred to in his mild complaint of discourtesy.

The report is very full and interesting, and we regret that our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

Weston G. Granniss (Litchfield), G. M.
Frank W. Havens (Hartford), G. S.

CUBA

Annual Communication, Havana, March 22, 1908.
Fernando Figueredo, G. M.

The proceedings are in Spanish, but the more important parts of the address of the Grand Master are reprinted in English. The extracts given below indicate that the Craft is now exerting a powerful influence in the regeneration of this beautiful Island:

During the year now ending I have knocked at many doors, the majority of which have been widely opened, giving way before

the light irradiated from the torch of morality and progress. All those invested with my representation in the provinces have made great efforts to correspond to the important rôle they were called upon to play as District Deputy Grand Masters. I have addressed myself to every brother who I thought might help us in our tasks, ending always by placing them in communication with the D. D. G. M., who have always finished successfully the task undertaken.

I desired that our mystic chain might encircle the Island from one end to the other, showering everywhere our great teachings; I have endeavored to raise the spirits towards our lofty ideals, not only in the cities and principal towns, but even in the villages scattered throughout the Republic, profiting of all the resources that chance or luck placed within my reach for the realization of my ideals. * * *

As time rolls along, our Institution marches towards its perfection. We are past our period of reorganization; the undoubted ability and sublime efforts of our illustrious Bro. Pellón, P. G. M., have dragged her out of the chaos produced by the independence war and the opposition and persecution of the Government and clergy. . . . New customs have pervaded our bodies that place them in a most enviable rank in regard to correction and discipline in the work. . . . I hope nobody will deny me the right of passing judgment on this, knowing, as I do, the lodges, their officers, and the majority of the members.

The Grand Master does not need to make great efforts to prove the extraordinary material progress of our Freemasonry, either in the exterior world or within the territory of the Republic. And it must be a good reason for being satisfied, and a source of wholesome pride to us all, to know that, notwithstanding the great inconveniences stated in the preceding paragraphs, the Fraternity has attained an extraordinary degree of progress.

At the last annual Communication the Grand Lodge applauded the report offered by our Board of Foreign Correspondence, through its President, W. Bro. F. de P. Rodríguez, in which he informed the Grand Lodge that we were in fraternal relations with all the regular Masonic powers throughout the world.

What a source for deep meditation is that one offered by Freemasonry in our young Republic, who is in close and good correspondence with all the Grand bodies whose antiquity and stability make them worthy of being considered as regular! Our hearts must overflow with gratitude when we examine the delicate work performed by our never-to-be-forgotten leaders, who have succeeded in upraising, through their sublime efforts, the standard of our Order to what it is now.

And in regard to the interior, I think that much has been done. Our Institution, armed with the torch of tolerance and union, goes unharmed through the passions and hatred that pervade all social spheres.

Eight new lodges were opened. There are 61 lodges, with 2,838 members.

Calixto Fajardo (Havana), G. M.
Carlos G. Charles (Havana), G. S.

DELAWARE

103rd Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 2, 1908.

Thomas J. Day, G. M.

The Grand Master welcomed the brethren, old and new, in cordial terms, hoping that their interest would never cease, and that the moral standards of the Craft would be ever before them. He also says:

During the year our country has been in the grasp of a financial crisis. Men in all the walks of life have suffered. The bond of friendship between men have been weakened, and life has assumed a more gloomy aspect; but throughout these difficulties, the firm light of our Craft has beamed with a constant brightness, urging the brethren to live true to its teachings, to endure the temporary inconveniences and to trust that the future would be brighter in their daily affairs. The guiding rays have had their effect, Masons have been governed by them, and as a result, to-day we are assembled, a strong body, eager for the tasks which have been placed for our consideration.

Bro. Day visited all the lodges, and the work exceeded his expectations. The business transacted was of local interest only.

Bro. L. H. Jackson presented a very good report on Correspondence, noticing all the important matters. He reviews our Proceedings of 1907. He is still of the opinion that Queensland should not be recognized, because, at their formation, a majority of the lodges did not join in the movement, but there is a gleam of hope in his declaration that "District Grand Lodges are anomalies." What *will* he say to the establishment of a District Grand Lodge, coupled with the opening of a new lodge, in United States territory, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland?

Henry I. Beers, Jr. (Dover), G. M.

Virginius V. Harrison (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Their new Masonic Temple at Washington was dedicated with full ceremony on September 19th, 1908. Among the distinguished visitors present were Past Grand Masters and Grand Officers from Texas, Nebraska and Vermont.

98th Communication, Washington, Dec. 16, 1908.

Augustus B. Coolidge, G. M.

The reports show that the past year was one of the most prosperous in their history. Their Grand Visita-

tions hold a prominent place in the social life of the Capital, and are among the most enjoyable functions of the year. On this subject, the Grand Master says:

In conformity to the requirements of the Constitution, accompanied by the other officers of the Grand Lodge, I have visited during the year each of the constituent Lodges.

The custom inaugurated a few years ago of dividing the Grand visitations into two series, one in the spring and one in the fall, has become well established, and is generally recognized, I think, as an improvement over the old custom of crowding them all into a few weeks after the close of the Masonic year. The first visitation was on March 17, and the spring series continued until May 6. In the fall the series extended from October 13 to November 23.

Without exception the lodges were found to be in excellent condition, the records and accounts in each meeting the approval of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and there was everywhere found evidence of decided interest on the part of the members. The visitations were all well attended, at most of them instructive addresses were delivered by prominent members of the Fraternity, and the entertainment provided at each was, I am sure, very enjoyable to all present. The first visitation in the fall was on the occasion of the first communication of Federal lodge, No. 1, in the new Temple, and was followed by an elaborate entertainment in the auditorium on the upper floor of the Temple, to which the families and friends of the members were invited, and at which Commissioner Macfarland and General John C. Black delivered addresses. The courtesy and respect shown the Grand Officers at all times testified to the loyalty of the Masters and brethren.

Their jurisdiction is so compact that they have little difficulty in securing uniform and perfect work, impressively rendered.

We also quote the following.

The "House Warming," extending from September 28 to October 10, was one of the most satisfactory enterprises in which the Fraternity has been engaged in the financial interest of the new Temple. It gave the brethren and the public an opportunity to inspect the building, and the entertainments furnished by the efficient and hard-working committees in charge were very enjoyable to the thousands who attended. It was not anticipated that the receipts would approach the amount realized at any of our fairs, but from present indications the net proceeds will be between \$9,000 and \$10,000, which will be of material assistance to the Masonic Temple Association in meeting obligations unforeseen at the time of commencing building operations.

Queensland was recognized, and "Cosmos," of Mexico, was refused recognition.

Bro. George W. Baird furnishes another of his excellent reports. From his review of our Proceedings of 1908 we make the following extracts:

The Grand Master exhibited an historic gavel: one that was used 116 years ago, when General John Graves Simcoe inaugurated

the first Government of the Province of Upper Canada, in the old town of Niagara. The same gavel was used when the General was initiated, in Exeter, England, in 1773. It is always pleasant to read of the preservation of Masonic relics, but more pleasant to know that they are revered. In these piping times of record-breaking there are so many "progressive" Masons who are kicking over the traces, introducing innovations, that there is a living fear of something radical in the near future.

The report of the Board of Grievances and Appeals has the same fault that so many of our own have, i.e., it prints too much. If Carrie Nation, or some other anti-Mason, should pick up some of these reports she would find "horrible examples," with names, dates, places, offences, etc. * * *

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Henry Robertson, one of the most learned of the guild. His opening page gives an interesting history of the Society of "the Carbonari (Italian Caronaro, charcoal maker)," and its probable relation to Masonry towards the end of the Napoleonic wars.

His reviews are always instructive, in that they exhibit points which have escaped many of us.

He has been generous with the District of Columbia. He has noticed at length our action in amplifying our rules on documentary evidence from unvouched-for visitors, and seems to acquiesce therein. He mentions our visitations and the distinguished men present. He regards our financial showing as splendid. He mentions, approvingly, the re-interment of our first Grand Master, Valentine Reintzel.

He has complimented our committee on Correspondence by quoting freely from our essays. He has generously reproduced the part we wrote on Chileno Masonry. The Republic of Chile is so far away, so out of the track of tourists, and comparatively uninhabited to the globe-trotter, that the information we have from that new and progressive country is by no means copious. Like all of the "Latin" countries, it has its consistory and a number of thirty-third degree Masons. But, unlike the other Latin countries, it got its first Masonry from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and its Grand Lodge has never been anything but sovereign. The writer spent several years (on board a United States war vessel) on the west coast of South America, and became (1872-73) familiar with these lodges.

In the "Conclusion" we find clear ideas on several important questions:

There seems to be a growing tendency in our Western and Southern Grand Lodges to substitute prohibition for temperance, which, we think, is going a little too far. We heartily justify every effort to diminish drunkenness, but fear very much that prohibition does not accomplish it. We have noticed in our extended travels that where the people drink light wines and beer there is not much drunkenness, but where strong alcoholic (distilled) liquor is the favorite beverage, drunkenness is more common. Drunkenness may be diminished by diminishing the tariff on light wines and malt liquors and increasing it on distilled liquors.

That modern innovation, that *bete noir*, called territorial jurisdiction, continues to agitate the Masonic mind, but we note that

it is generally waived when one Grand Master makes the request of another Grand Master to do so.

We have noted that there is an improvement in the Appeal and Grievance reports, in that less and less information is printed each year. Usually there is sufficient printed to afford "horrible examples," which may be pointed to by our enemies at their pleasure. In years gone by the temperance lecturers not infrequently exhibited a tramp, who stood up as the "horrible example" at the right moment, which had its effect on the audience. The later appeals reports have sufficient for their purpose, but names and offences are suppressed, which may defeat the purposes of the enemies of Masonry.

We beg leave to invite attention to the increasing number of Grand Lodges which are according formal recognition to the sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia withheld its recognition, on the recommendation of this committee, in view of the comity which had ever existed between the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland and that of the District of Columbia, but it was then believed that those Grand Lodges would set the example by formally recognizing the new Grand Lodge. The District Grand Lodges in Queensland are not sovereign, nor even autonomous, though they have been treated by Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada as if they were sovereign. The sovereign Grand Lodge in Queensland is rapidly gaining in numerical strength.

While clandestine lodges are diminishing in Ohio, they are spreading out, like the tentacles of the octopus, into other States. The recanting of the arch-seceder, Justin Pinney, has been an example in Ohio, but it is not felt elsewhere. It is inherent in renegades to become more bitter than any one else. One of these rites, of Corneau origin, went so far as to set up a symbolic lodge in Louisiana, and were working the symbolic degrees, until the Grand Master of Louisiana issued an edict against them. Among them were members of legitimate blue lodges in New Orleans, who did not know there was anything wrong about it. Following this there has been published and circulated a pamphlet by the quasi-Corneau consistory, justifying themselves in their evil conduct.

Masonry has increased, numerically, faster than has the population during the past year, i.e., in a greater ratio than that of the increase in population, notwithstanding the immigration has been largely from the peasant class, who are not likely to become Masons. In New York City alone there are said to be 750,000 Italian-born and 500,000 Irish-born inhabitants: the German population in that city exceeds that of the Irish. There are more Norwegians in the United States than in Norway. Masonry is but little known in Italy or in Norway, so there cannot be many affiliates. Our increase comes from our own people, the native-born, usually.

The establishing of a Home seems to be the aim of almost every jurisdiction. While it is well to provide the means to establish a Home, we do not think it wise to actually build the Home until it is apparent that the aggregate cost of maintenance will be less in the Home than to support the beneficiaries in some other way. The cost per capita per day for maintenance in large

hospitals varies from 48 to 60 cents, from which a comparison may be made.

Henry K. Simpson (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND

At the Annual Grand Festival held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on April 29, 1908, the Grand Officers were installed and invested. Earl Amherst, who has been Pro Grand Master for the past ten years, retired, and Lord Ampthill, Provincial Grand Master for Bedfordshire, was appointed by the Grand Master to succeed him. The Rt. Hon. Thomas F. Halsey was reappointed Deputy Grand Master.

At the Quarterly Communication, held June 3, 1908, the following report of the Board of General Purposes was presented:

The Board has to report that it has inaugurated a system of alphabetical card registration of all members of the Craft, as a supplement to the existing Register of members of the several lodges, whereby, when the Register is completed, it can at once be ascertained without reference to the existing lodge Register, not only who are members of the Craft, but the particulars of their Masonic careers.

The Board has also to report that since Grand Lodge has seen fit to entrust it again with the management of the Tavern property, it has, without delay, not only caused plans for the necessary alterations and additions to the building to be prepared by the Grand Superintendent of Works, but, with the consent of the necessary authorities, has entered into a contract for the demolition of the buildings on the site proposed to be incorporated in the main edifice, together with other preparatory work, which is being pushed forward with the utmost despatch.

The Board confidently believes that, looking to the anxiety of a very large number of lodges to hold their meetings at the headquarters of the Craft, and the exceptional accessibility of the Tavern, by means of the Tube railways, to brethren residing in all parts of the Metropolis, and to the extensive accommodation which will be afforded, there is every reasonable prospect of the Tavern again taking its place as the leading resort, not only for private lodges, but also for the great Masonic festivals.

The Board has had its attention directed to the disregard which, it is feared, some of the Masonic jewelers have shown to the requirements of the Book of Constitutions, in regard to the ornamentation on the aprons and jewels worn by Provincial Grand Officers, and to be worn by those appointed to London rank.

The Constitutions provide that the jewels of Grand Officers are to be within a wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn, while those of present and past Provincial and District Grand Officers are to be placed within a circle on which the name

of the Province or District alone is to be engraved. In a note to one of the plates at the end of the Book of Constitutions, giving sketches of Provincial and District jewels, it is stated that "The name of the Province alone, without any ornament or emblem, is to be engraven on the circle of all Provincial Grand Officers' jewels.

It has been represented to the Board that in some cases these provisions of the Constitutions have been disregarded, and that the ornamentation of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn not unfrequently appears within the circles on the jewels and aprons of Provincial and District Grand Officers.

The Board hopes that brethren will assist in giving effect to the provisions of the Constitutions, and that not only Provincial and District Grand Officers, but also those who may be appointed to London rank, will see that no ornamentations such as those described appear on their clothing or jewels.

The following lodges were erased from the roll, as having either surrendered their Warrants or ceased to exist:

- The Royal Trinity Lodge, No. 572, Trinidad.
- The Homer Lodge, No. 806, Smyrna.
- The Coromandel Lodge, No. 1810, Cocanada, Madras.
- The Lodge Prudentia, No. 1859, Negapatam, Madras.
- The United Service Lodge, No. 1873, Kingston, Jamaica.
- The Advance Lodge, No. 2445, Brunnerton, Westland, N.Z.
- The St. John's Lodge, No. 2280, Saugor, Bombay.
- The Acacia Lodge, No. 2567, Meiktila, Burma.
- The Vanua Levu Lodge, No. 2713, Fiji.
- The King Edward VII. Lodge, No. 2937, Lin Kung Tao, N. China.
- The Palmer Lodge, No. 2947, Quetta, Punjab.
- The Thiele Lodge, No. 2953, Fiji.

Steps were taken to accumulate a building fund.

FLORIDA

80th Communication, Jacksonville, Jan. 19, 1909.

Elmer E. Haskell, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is strictly business throughout. He had a busy year and dealt most efficiently with many very important local matters.

The new temple at Jacksonville was completed and dedicated. Its cost was \$150,000.

The Grand Orator, Bro. H. S. Yerger, should certainly be continued in his office. He has the information, he has the proper ideas, and he is able to express them in language as forcible as the occasion requires. His text this time was "A Kid Glove Lodge":

The first thing to do is to define what is meant by a Kid Glove Lodge. It means a certain number of well-dressed gentlemen who require raiment of a particular sort before one can be admitted or

welcomed to their society. They look to the external appearance rather than to the internal worth of their members.

This, of course, means exclusion, and the more we ponder the matter, the more irresistible is the conclusion that the spirit is un-Masonic. It develops and fosters a separation between the rich and the poor.

One of the wisest prayers ever offered is that of Agur, the son of Jakeh—Prov. xxx., 8-9. "Give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me; Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain." As wise as we know theoretically this prayer to be, practically we pursue the course of unwisdom and attempt to satisfy ourselves with things that satisfy not.

Not only do we know from experience that there is disappointment in things external, we find from observation that riches have a tendency to corrupt. Many a man is wearing the convict's stripes because his heart was too much set on gain, gain at any cost; not only so, but many a heart has been hardened by wealth, all the streams of benevolence have become dried up.

There are men of sterling worth whose plate is earthenware; and there are men of earthenware principles whose plate is silver.

It has been recently reported that a certain New York woman demanded alimony to the amount of \$76,000.00 a year as necessary for her style of life, and a certain Chicago woman of the Smart Set gave it as her opinion that a woman might by rigid economy live on \$30,000.00 a year and maintain her station. What ought to be done with such style and such a station? Abolish them entirely. All play and no work breed corruption, just as all work and no play brutalizes. The happiest and most useful life is that embraced between poverty and riches.

Rich fathers ruin their sons by indulging them, by giving them too much money, so that they never learn the value of money nor the dignity of labor. They never become men in the true sense, but swelled boys (as Dickens expresses it). Poor creatures! While they are to be blamed, their foolish parents are more blameworthy. It requires but very little gray matter to be proud of a small foot or a soft hand.

Everything that we have of wealth has come from labor, our tall buildings, our floating palaces, our great railroads—in fine, everything of a material kind is produced by the toiler. All honor to the honest laboring man!

For centuries, during the middle ages, there were but two classes—the privileged aristocracy and the laborers with no rights. If the ancestors of these aristocrats—kings, dukes, counts, etc.—were living now, they would, if in the far West, be lynched; if in the Middle States, be sent to the penitentiary or hanged by judicial process; if in a State or two (unnamed), be sent to the U. S. Senate.

During this long, dark period the doctrine of infallibility, together with the kindred doctrine of the divine right of kings, was invented. We in this land have learned that the people are sovereign, and we owe allegiance to no man whose ancestors were thieves, robbers, murderers and bastards.

The written history of Europe for hundreds of years is the history of imbecile kings and vicious nobles, their ambitions, wars,

cruelties and lusts; while the unwritten history is that of the toiling millions doomed to ignorance and want, deprived of all natural rights.

During this long midnight period the Inquisition was engendered. I shall not violate the proprieties by discussing religion, but religion has to do with Him whom we worship, and the Inquisition and its cruelties were of the devil, therefore I am not trenching upon religious matters. We that love freedom should never forget the autos-da-fe of Spain, the massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day, the 24th of August, 1572, nor the attempt to destroy the Low Countries. Motley tells us, speaking of the sack of Antwerp, 1576, "Of all the crime which men commit from deliberate calculation or in the frenzy of passion, hardly one was omitted, for riot, gaming and rape had been postponed to the more stringent claims of robbery and murder, and were more rapidly added to the sum of atrocities. Of all the deeds of darkness yet compassed in the Netherlands this was the worst. It was known for ages as the Spanish Fury. A city of wealth and splendor became a charnel house, a shambles."

All this and more came from this hellish institution. During this long period Masonry, composed of working men, was, silently and out of sight as the coral insect, laying the foundations upon which our religious and political freedom rests to-day. We cannot, therefore, encourage a spirit such as we find indicated in a Kid Glove Lodge—a spirit at once un-American and un-Masonic.

The man in brogans, jeans pants and hickory shirt is worthy of entrance into any lodge if he be worthy of wearing the apron at all. The lodge that puts up a barrier drawn from things external loses its good name. We may say with the Stratford Bard: "Who steals my purse steals trash, 'tis something, nothing, 'twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands, but he that filches from me my good name robs me of that which not enriches him and makes me poor indeed." Masonry's good name is the doctrine of equality of all the worthy and well qualified, whether rich or poor; that lost, the Order is worthless.

I had rather be with John in the wilderness, eating locusts and wild honey, clothed with camel's hair and with a girdle of skins around my loins, than to feast with Herod and wear his royal robes. A Kid Glove Lodge is un-American and un-Masonic.

A special committee investigated the Sunday parade question. They found Grand Lodges differing so materially that they could not decide whether a church service was a Masonic function or not. (We say decidedly not.) However, they presented the following sensible report, which was adopted:

We are, however, of the opinion that it is inexpedient that lodges or Masters of lodges should ever be permitted to summons members under penalties to attend lodge for the purpose of attending divine service, and therefore recommend that lodges as such be prohibited from attending divine service at any time excepting for funerals and on St. Johns Days, as provided in the constitution.

Bro. Silas B. Wright reports on Correspondence. In his notice of Louisiana we find the following:

Under Panama we are reminded that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has granted two charters in that State, one white and the other a negro lodge. The Master of the white lodge asserts positively that no member of the negro lodge is permitted to visit them. Thus we have two lodges on the same register whose members do not fraternize. What a pity we do not have a Monroe doctrine in Masonry. The Grand Lodge of Scotland has shown an utter disregard of the Masonic customs and laws of the Western world, as well as an absence of wisdom in their reckless granting of charters and of conferring degrees upon rejected candidates from the States. We look for the day, and its approach seems to be drawing near, when the Grand Lodges of the States will have to withdraw all recognition of Masons made under Scotch charters.

Our Proceedings of 1908 are briefly noted.

Louis C. Massey (Orlando), G. M.

Wilber P. Webster (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA

122nd Communication, Macon, Oct. 27, 1908.

Thomas H. Jeffried, G. M.

From his eloquent and fascinating exordium we take the following:

Masonry is a progressive science. A builder, not a destroyer. Its mission is to disseminate light, to dispel darkness. It detracts from the sincerity of no man's faith; seeks to interfere with no man's creed. It holds in reverence every man's temple; desecrates no man's altar. It accords to every man the privilege to worship God after the dictates of his own conscience. Its march is ever upward to the full fruition of knowledge. Its hope is to free man from the servile bonds of passion and prejudice, to enthrone reason and secure to man the mastery of himself.

If there is one sentiment that I cherish above all others, it is confidence in the uprightness of purpose and integrity of character of my brethren. Had I not an abiding faith in their strong desire and unswerving purpose to do the right at all times and under every circumstance, my estimate of the Craft would be materially lessened. In this glorious brotherhood of ours there is no room for unholy ambition, nor that spirit which is satisfied only when it may rule, or, balked in this, it seeks to ruin. In the sacred atmosphere of Masonry, vile suspicion and spiteful envy have no place. The spirit of Masonry is the spirit of confidence, the spirit of trust and, above all, the spirit of love.

None of us are wiser than all the rest. None more faithful, none more earnest, none more true; but the consensus of our wisdom, our faith, our ardor and our fidelity, proclaims the character of Masonry, and illustrates it in the world. Therefore, let your lodge be the temple of peace and concord; temper your discussions with the spirit of conciliation; give due credit and respect to con-

victions and opinions of others; and bestow honor as a reward of merit; and be not slothful in recognizing and recompensing the labor of the faithful, earnest and capable brother.

It is not always true that those who have enjoyed the highest advantages, or who occupy exalted stations in life, are best equipped to promote the interest of the Craft, or are most worthy of its honors.

Masonry has made a working man the hero of its chief legend and the leading patron of its tenets and its principles. He who was thought worthy to consort with kings and enjoy their most sacred secrets was an humble toiler in the ranks of labor. Truth, honor, fidelity and integrity marked him as a real man, and kings delighted to pay homage to his virtues and proclaim his fame.

This great exemplar of Masonry has been held up as a model for the Craft through many ages: and, although the history of the man is covered in a few brief lines of Holy Writ, the principles which he illustrated in his life are the proud heritage of the noblest Craft of all the earth. All honor to the celebrated artist, the widow's son, the operative Grand Master who sacrificed his life in defence of his integrity.

There are before me to-day brave men and true, loyal to truth and faithful to every demand of the truest and best manhood—men who illustrate the sentiment and the exhortation in the lines:

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind,
And honor will honor meet:
And a smile that is sweet will surely find
A smile that is kind and sweet.

Give pity and sorrow to those who mourn,
You will gather in flowers again
The scattered seed from your thought out-borne,
Though the sowing seemed in vain;

For life is the mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Ten new lodges were opened.

Regarding his official visits, the Grand Master says:

I have broken the record this year in the matter of visitations. So far have I yielded to the invitations that have been so gener-

ously accorded me, that a certain good lady has said: "My husband is one-quarter husband and three-quarters Mason."

The highest record heretofore made, so far as I have been able to compute, has been sixteen official visitations for the year. Since the first day of last November I have made more than forty official visitations. In doing so I traveled more than six thousand miles. These visits have reached every section of the State, from north to south and from east to west. They have been devoted largely to the smaller towns and country places, generally where conventions, or some public functions, were held, and the Master Mason's degree conferred afterward. I have delivered public addresses at many of these meetings and have sought to show to the public the real aim and aspirations of the Craft, and to magnify the ideals of Masonry as a progressive moral science, practically applied to human conduct and human character, out of which has grown, and is growing, an ideal brotherhood—one which fulfils the fancy of the idealist, and yet, so impregnated with the practice of real virtue, that it provokes the wonder and commands the admiration of the most severe rationalist.

The District Deputies have studied the work assiduously, and are on the high road to uniformity.

Their Masonic Home receives the unqualified praise of the Grand Master, although he thinks they should have more room. There are 34 inmates. We again quote:

Yonder, upon that hill, above the winding river, stands the Mecca of Masonry—the place toward which every eye is turned, the place where every Mason feels he has an abiding interest, a sacred trust. It is our Home. The Home whose foundations were laid in love of humanity, whose walls were erected by the sacrifices of the hands of pity, whose cap-stone was placed with songs of rejoicing, and whose dedication was baptized by the sympathetic tears of the great family of Masonry of Georgia.

No Mason looks toward it without an emotion of joy at its completion, no Mason thinks upon it without a swelling pride that he, in part, is responsible for its existence, none meditate upon it without a sense of gratitude to the thoughtful minds, the loving hearts, the willing hands and ready purses that gave it to the Craft, a home of refuge, a shelter of peace, for the way-worn and weary, the destitute and helpless, the fatherless and the widow.

The application for recognition of the Swiss Grand Lodge was indefinitely postponed, that of the Grand Orient of Greece was declined, and that of the Grand Lodge of San Salvador was deferred.

The term of office of the Board of District Deputies was extended to three years, three retiring each year, so that two-thirds of the old boards will always be in office.

Bro. A. Q. Moody presented his eighth Report on Correspondence. He reviews our Proceedings of 1907.

Thomas H. Jeffried (Atlanta), G. M.

W. A. Wolihin (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO

41st Communication, Boise, Sept. 8, 1908.

William C. Whitwell, G. M.

They are steadily increasing in membership, keeping pace with the rapid development of the State. Bro. Whitwell says:

In my travels over the State I have been particularly gratified to see so many young men entering the Masonic fraternity. The pure principles as taught and practised by our Ancient and Honorable Order will greatly aid in purifying, elevating and ennobling the lives of all men; but the young men coming into the Masonic fraternity will receive a special blessing, for in them will be instilled and developed a veneration and love for the Deity and His sacred word which will greatly strengthen their faith, and guide them safely through life's journey in the paths of righteousness.

From the reports of various lodges it appears that our membership has reached 2,595, a net gain of 200. The steadily increasing numbers is a source of satisfaction, and the stronger we become the greater is our responsibility.

An amendment to the by-laws was adopted to provide against the taking of collective ballots. The petition of each candidate must be balloted upon separately.

Bro. George E. Knepper reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1907. He thinks that the reports of our District Deputies might be "boiled down," to the advantage of all concerned. So do we.

In his notice of Connecticut, Bro. Knepper says:

We are sorry that we differ in several points with the excellent address of the Grand Master. If a brother becomes "unaffiliated for a number of years," and asks for a reinstatement, it should be granted if he is a good man and true morally. If he made a mistake in allowing membership in the brotherhood to lapse, when he sees the error of his ways he should be welcomed back, even though he might become "a burden" (?) upon the lodge. Spell CHARITY with larger letters; don't call it a burden.

William R. Hamilton (Silver City), G. M.

T. W. Randall (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS

69th Communication, Chicago, Oct. 6th, 1908.

Alexander H. Bell, G. M.

In this large jurisdiction they have 90,000 members, and the Grand Master was kept busy answering questions. Remarkably few differences have arisen,

and an unusual measure of harmony prevails, showing the beneficent effects of the teachings of the Fraternity.

We quote from one of Bro. Bell's decisions, with which we are thoroughly in accord, and have so stated in other years:

Among other applications for special dispensations, I have been asked to issue a dispensation authorizing a Masonic lodge to attend services on Easter Sunday at a church. Before acting on this application, however, I gave careful attention to the subject matter and was surprised to find that no uniform rule had been followed in this Grand jurisdiction. I found that many lodges in the State had been accustomed to take it for granted that a Masonic lodge might attend religious services at a church without dispensation, and that in some instances the Grand Master knew that such lodges had so acted. I found in many instances that requests had been made for special dispensation to attend such services, and that dispensation had issued accordingly. After giving to this subject the most careful consideration I reached the conclusion that inasmuch as I had discretion in the matter, I would decline to issue dispensation in any such case. For a Mason or any number of Masons, separately or collectively, in procession or otherwise, to attend religious services at any church, is highly commendable in them, and they ought to be encouraged to do so. But religious services on Easter Sunday are commemorative of events which do not appeal to many thousands of Masons in this Grand jurisdiction. For a Masonic lodge to attend religious services on Sunday at a church, wearing the clothing and bearing the jewels and paraphernalia of a lodge, is largely a matter of mere parade. The church service is not in any sense a Masonic ceremony or service, and it is in no wise necessary that organized lodges should participate therein. The lodge does nothing. Its members merely sit still and listen. If lodges may determine to attend religious services at some denominational church, it inevitably leads to a discussion and choice between churches, in which those favoring one church would urge that the lodge attend services at that church, and those favoring other churches would insist that the lodge attend services at such other churches, and that if the lodge had attended services at one church last year, it ought in fairness to attend services at another church this year, and thus lodges might easily become distracted by a discussion of purely denominational matters in no wise appertaining to Masonry.

Moreover, it occurred to me that if the lodge as a lodge should be authorized to attend religious services, treating it as in any sense a Masonic ceremony, there would then be power somewhere in the lodge to compel the attendance of all the members of such lodge at such service, or to discipline such members as refused so to attend. For these and other reasons which I do not now take time to mention or discuss, I declined to issue any dispensation authorizing any Masonic lodge as a lodge to attend religious services at any church. I have had the same question presented as to preaching in a church in commemoration of St. John the Baptist, and have likewise refused to issue dispensation. Inasmuch as the practice in this State has not been uniform, I respectfully report

these conclusions of mine and request that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee, so that upon the incoming of its report and the action of this Grand Lodge thereon there may be formulated some rule or precedent which shall be hereafter recognized as of binding force in this Grand jurisdiction.

The Orphans' Home building was sold, owing to its location having become unsuitable, due to the erection of various manufacturing buildings in the vicinity, and temporary quarters were rented until such time as a suitable building could be erected elsewhere.

The new Aged Masons' Home at Sullivan was opened, and is now in full swing. The Orphans' Home had an average of 50 inmates during the year, and the cost of maintenance figured out at about \$192.00 per capita, being slightly less than last year.

Bro. Gil. W. Barnard, whose death we greatly regret, will be missed by many Masons outside his own Grand Lodge, and we personally feel that we have lost a true friend.

The Report on Correspondence, by Bro. Jos. Robbins, is again a voluminous one, and shows a thorough grasp of his subject. We find some very good remarks in his review of Alabama on the Queensland situation, which we quote:

There is nothing in the Queensland situation to warrant the assertion that we are willing that the minority should rule. No one can now say with certainty what would have been the result had all the lodges been free from duress, and the parent Grand Lodges have taken every possible precaution to prevent any future disclosure of the then probable result. But that the English and Scotch intermediary authorities fully believed that a majority of the lodges of their obedience would go into the movement would seem to be beyond question. Their unheard-of, un-Masonic, bulldozing course could have been prompted by no other consideration than the certainty, or the fear, that they were about to lose their occupation and their official importance. The new Grand Lodge has not, as intimated, assumed jurisdiction over the lodges that have not affiliated with it, preferring to pursue a conciliatory course. It is ungracious to find fault with this attitude among Masons, and we can only defer to the judgment of the Grand Lodge of Queensland; but we are free to say that as between the possible but improbable risk of sustaining a Grand Lodge that does not have the support of the majority of the Craft on the one hand, and supporting or condoning lynch law terrorism in Masonry on the other, we would accept the shadowy risk.

We might add that if any number of the non-joining lodges had objected to the formation of a new Grand Lodge we would certainly have heard of it. Five pages are devoted to his review of Canada, nu-

merous extracts being taken from Grand Master Burritt's address, and from the decision as to the advancement of a maimed Fellow-Craft Bro. Robbins strongly dissents:

We are moved to make a very decided pronouncement on No. 12, which we regard as the very climax of un-Masonic jurisprudence. We know of no reason for withholding from a maimed Fellow Craft the Master's degree, that would not with equal justice warrant his expulsion from Masonry if he had suffered the same terrible misfortune after he had been raised. The barbarian that would withhold advancement from one who becomes a maim after he has assumed the sacred relation of brother, no matter how extensive the mutilation, disappeared from Illinois jurisprudence a generation ago, if indeed it had any standing before that time.

Bro. Robbins finds fault with the Constitutional provision requiring two black balls to reject, but we might say that very nearly all, if not all, of our lodges have taken advantage of the permission given by the same provision and require unanimity.

Alexander H. Bell (Carlinville), G. M.

Isaac Cutter (Camp Point), G. S.

INDIANA

87th Communication, Indianapolis, May 26, 1908.

Walter O. Bragg, G. M.

The Grand Master's address is a lengthy and interesting document. From his remarks on the Condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction we quote the following:

It is very gratifying to me to be able to report that peace and harmony now prevail, that no known discord, contention or strife exists among the five hundred and thirty-four lodges, that to the forty-seven thousand three hundred and fifty-three Masons in good standing on January 1st, 1907, there has been added, after all deductions were made, two thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, making a total membership of fifty thousand one hundred and eleven. When we take into consideration that this great army of Masons is not confined to one locality or community, but well distributed throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that no county of the ninety-two of this great State of Indiana is without a Masonic lodge, we may well feel proud and congratulate ourselves on having one Mason for every fifty of the two and one-half millions of people within the borders of our State.

A very pleasing condition of affairs is thus indicated in the report of Grand Secretary Prather:

It is a remarkable fact that there has not been a voluntary surrender of charter by any lodge in Indiana in the past seven years. While we have a very few numerically weak lodges, as shown by the returns, they all have the proper Masonic spirit, and

are as enthusiastic as the larger lodges and just as faithful in teaching the precepts of our fraternity.

Grand Inspector Wolfe has been a most zealous and efficient officer. Acting under Grand Lodge instructions, he this year visited the lodges individually, instead of in groups, and naturally found the result much more satisfactory. His efforts to secure uniformity of the work have evidently been crowned with success :

Many of our lodges have acquired our work perfectly, and are now conferring degrees strictly in accordance with it, and I commend especially the effort now being made by the newly-elected officers of other lodges to reach and maintain the same high degree of proficiency.

Masonic work requires Masonic knowledge, and to confer either of the Masonic degrees properly and impressively every officer or brother must first qualify himself by a thorough knowledge and conception of the part he is required to take in it. To see the ritualism of the Order habitually "stumbled" through, for the want of this necessary preparation, destroys all interest among the membership, and is frequently a disappointment to the candidate. It might be of interest here to note that some of the Grand Lodges of the country require "certified examinations" as to the qualifications and fitness of certain officers before installation. If such was the requirement in Indiana a few of us might possibly be "put out of business," and for that reason I would not now, at least, favor the enactment of such a law.

The corner-stone of the new Masonic temple at Indianapolis was laid on the 25th of May, with imposing ceremonies. The building, which is to be used for Masonic purposes exclusively, will cost when completed in the neighborhood of \$435,000.00.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Alberta were accorded recognition.

Steps were taken to assist in the 100th anniversary of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, to be held on the 13th of March, 1909.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1907, Bro. Daniel McDonald has the following remarks on the subject of church parades. After quoting from the report of the Board, he says :

The opinion of the Board as stated in the last paragraph may be true over in Canada, where church and state are one, but over here in America, where everything is as free as the air we breathe, so far as our knowledge and information goes, it is exactly the reverse. The regular church-goer, assuming that he is a Mason, is generally "a drone in the hive of Masonry," for one reason, probably, if he is "a church worker" he has no time for Masonic work. It is probably all right, too, over there for Masons to

attend some place of worship in a body clothed as Masons. In this country we don't need it—that is, we don't need to go to church in a body for the purpose of show. We go to church as individuals, so that the congregations assembled there may by our presence absorb some of our surplus goodness instilled into us in the Masonic lodge.

Notwithstanding Bro. MacDonald's dislike of compliments, we cannot refrain from expressing our gratification after the perusal of this excellent report. We would like our readers to see the whole of it, but we have only room for one more extract:

A brother presented a form for an address to be delivered to a candidate upon his presentation with the "white leather apron." He seems to have forgotten that candidates are not presented with "white leather aprons," but with "The Lambskin Apron." And the candidate is informed that "The Lambskin Apron" is an emblem of innocence and the only badge of a Mason; that it is more ancient than the "Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle," etc. The Golden Fleece was established in Flanders in the year 1429 by the Duke of Burgundy as an order of knighthood, who selected the fleece as its badge because wool was the staple production of that country. It has ever been considered one of the most illustrious orders in Europe. And so, when speculative Masonry came into vogue, and the apron was selected as "The Badge of a Mason," the lambskin on which grew the "Golden Fleece" was selected, and for the further reason that "the lamb has in all ages been deemed an emblem of innocence." The badge of a Mason is "The Lambskin Apron," and why it should be called "the white leather," or any other kind of an apron, is not apparent. It would be more in accordance with the facts to call it "white linen," as that kind of apron is almost universally used as a substitute for "The Lambskin Apron."

Charles N. Mickels (Newcastle), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY

35th Communication, South McAlester, August 11th, 1908.

J. B. Morrow, G. M.

The greater part of the Grand Master's address is taken up with the travels of Hafaz the Egyptian, a beautiful allegory well worthy of perusal, but too long to be copied here. Nine new lodges were organized and several sound decisions rendered.

Their new Masonic Orphans' Home at Atoka was opened on the 1st of January, 1908, with appropriate ceremonies; they now have 23 children there. The merger of the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and

Oklahoma was fixed to take place in February, 1909, at Guthrie, Oklahoma. The new officers are to be elected alternately from each jurisdiction, and the lodges are to be numbered according to the date of their dispensations. The sorrowful part of the transaction appears in the concluding paragraph of the report of the special committee on Amalgamation:

This report was not signed by the committee. Some of the members were willing to sign it, others were not. Some of us felt that the committee from Oklahoma Territory asked too much. At first they asked that both Grand Lodges should be dissolved or disbanded and a new Grand Lodge be organized out of the ruins of both. We secured a modification of this somewhat. To those of us who had been laboring with all our energies for thirty-five years to build up the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and had seen our labors crowned with great success in the establishment of a Grand Lodge that stands equal to any other in the world in growth and good character, it was awful hard to consent that the identity of the dear old Grand body should be lost, and after a noble life of thirty-five years begin life over again, with the first annual Communication of the united body to be numbered One, and so on. Eighteen years ago the lodges in the Oklahoma Territory seceded from us of their own free will and accord, and even contrary to our wish and will. Now, instead of returning to us and taking their original place with us, they ask that we disband and form a new Grand body in union with them. It was more than some of us could bear, but when the report was read it was immediately adopted as a whole with a whoop and a yell, almost unanimously. Of course, those of us whose hearts were broken were compelled to yield to the will of the majority. Our prayer is that God will bless the new Grand Lodge, and make it a great power for good to Masonry and to humanity.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphry again reports on Correspondence, and briefly reviews our Proceedings for 1907.

Henry Loundes Muldrow (Tishomingo), G. M.

Joseph Samuel Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA

65th Communication, Cedar Rapids, June 2, 1908.

Louis Block, Deputy Grand Master, acting in the place of Grand Master Hunter.

As usual, these Proceedings take the palm for typographical excellence. The first order of business was a resolution of sympathy with the Grand Master on the serious illness of his wife, which prevented his presiding over this Grand Lodge session. This resolution was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

The Grand Master's address was read by Past Grand Master Norris. On the state of the Craft he says:

The chronicler of Masonry in Iowa of the past year can say little. Yet that little means much. Peace has reigned within our border; the Order has made an unprecedented growth within the past year. One year ago the records in the Grand Secretary's office showed a membership of 37,838; the records now show a total membership of 39,504, a gain of 1,666, which is 40 per cent. greater than any previous year in the last decade. No trouble exists between us and sister jurisdictions. Death has made no unusual demands, and the horizon, scanned in all directions, reveals no cloud. I am pleased to present to you that retrospect, and this prospect.

We learn with satisfaction that the debt on the Library has been cleared without increasing the dues or diminishing the appropriations to any of the benevolent funds. Their Library is certainly a wonder, and they are justly proud of its success.

The chairman of the committee on Library, in the course of his eloquent report, has the subjoined paragraph:

The Library, to my mind, is a splendid example of achievement through constancy. The day of small things was not despised, and because of that the present property, so entirely creditable to the Craft, was rendered possible. The history of this enterprise is suggestive of how all success is to be attained, and for that reason alone, if for no other, the history should be perpetuated without spot or blemish.

It is due to Masonry to cultivate the love of books. There should be increase of familiarity with the history, the wonderful story of Masonry. We need to reinforce ourselves in all our worthy purposes out of the truth of time, the revelations of ages, jeweled as they are with devotion to those principles, God-inspired, which lay hold on eternal life. We need, every one, sustenance for his faith that all mankind is bound in brotherhood, and that wrong to one is wrong to all. We need to grow in the truth that charity, patience, humanity, integrity for its own sake, bring reward, and that out of the service of men from the beginning of time, and inevitably so to the end of it, do the centuries unfold their increasing glory. The literature of Masonry discloses the life work of many servants, and to them we may go in all confidence, as to Hiram Abiff, for pattern and for inspiration.

Our Proceedings for 1907 receive careful consideration at the hands of Bro. Fellows. As to what he says on the duplication of matter in connection with these reports, it may be well to remember that they are primarily written for the benefit and instruction of our own members, who have no other way of becoming acquainted with what is transpiring in matters Ma-

sonic outside their own jurisdiction, and that each year the writers have a new constituency for whom to furnish the requisite pabulum.

Philo. J. Martin (Waterloo), G. M.

Newton Ray Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

KENTUCKY

108th Communication, Louisville, Oct. 20, 1908.

Henry P. Barret, G. M.

We quote part of his opening remarks:

The year just finishing, with all of its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and failures, with its commercial depressions and its abundant harvests, marked, I regret to say, by more of hatred, strife and lawlessness within the confines of our otherwise proud old Commonwealth than it has known since the dark days of the Civil War, has, none the less, been one of the most prosperous years in the history of this Grand jurisdiction.

From all quarters comes the almost unvarying report from the lodges of increased membership, enhanced interest in all things Masonic, and that peace and harmony universally prevail. I am also delighted to report to you that nothing has happened to disturb the comity heretofore enjoyed between this Grand Lodge and its sister Grand Lodges of the United States.

Twelve new lodges were opened.

The efficient management of their Old Masons' Home and the Widows' and Orphans' Home makes the Grand Master rejoice. He also says:

The great good and merciful benefits accomplished by these institutions in ameliorating the conditions of our unfortunate brothers and their widows and orphans, fortunately does not exhaust their power to bestow blessings. Invariably they have proven a means of grace to the body Masonic itself, and have, without exception, been co-existent with prosperity and harmony wherever established and properly provided for. Ours certainly has been, and I do not hesitate to say that the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary is at once the source of our greatest pride and our greatest blessings.

It is a happy reflection that the question of maintaining our Home as these institutions are usually maintained has long since ceased to be a problem, but, with enlarged means and additional opportunities, we are confronted with correspondingly enlarged obligations. To these I would especially call your attention:

No child at the age of sixteen can be safely left to settle the problems of life for themselves—our children should be kept until they are older and their educational advantages extended. I submit, that in proportion that self-reliance and self-respect are necessary to development and character, in much the same proportion is manual training for our boys and domestic science for our girls necessary for their best interests. Remember that these

children have been sent to us because there was no one else willing and able to care for them. When they leave our care they have nothing to expect beyond the fruits of their own effort, and I take it that it would be a matter of no little gratification to the Craft to know that a certificate of dismissal from our Home entitled the holder thereto to consideration as a thoroughly-equipped, self-reliant man or woman, capable of meeting the exigencies of life without fear and without favors.

The amended Constitution was adopted.

Out of 25 living Past Grand Masters, 21 were present. The four seniors were in office respectively in 1853, 1874, 1875 and 1878. The senior of all, Bro. Thomas Todd, has attended every session of the Grand Lodge since 1846—truly a most remarkable record. Another veteran, Bro. J. H. Leathers, who was Grand Master in 1875, is, and has been for 29 years, Grand Treasurer. We congratulate these young men on their preferment. There must be some extra quality in the climate or the water (?) of the Blue Grass State which is conducive to length of days and clearness of intellect.

Bro. W. W. Clarke presented an able report on Correspondence, reviewing our Proceedings of 1907. In his conclusion he says:

There is, however, one tendency, plainly observable, to which attention should be called, and against which a voice should be raised. We allude to the disposition, manifest in every jurisdiction, to legislate on every conceivable subject, the result of which is not only the multiplication of unnecessary and, in some instances, as might be expected, the enactment of vicious laws, but the extinction of every vestige of right and privilege of the subordinate lodges, and the centralization of all authority in the Grand Lodge. If a halt is not called, the time is not far distant, we fear, when the sole function of subordinate lodges will be to make Masons.

Virgil P. Smith (Somerset), G. M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G. S.

KANSAS

53rd Communication, Wichita, Feb. 17, 1909.

Henry F. Mason, G. M.

His address opens as follows:

The past year has been one of continued prosperity to the Order throughout this jurisdiction. The net gain in membership during 1908 was 1,604, making the total on December 31st, 32,072. Mere increase in numbers is not in itself to be regarded as a test of the welfare or progress of the Institution. It is, however, an indication

that interest in the Order is well maintained. But, judged by any criterion, the history of Masonry in Kansas for the past twelve months is a source of gratification, from whatever angle it may be viewed. No want of harmony has developed in any quarter save in a very few instances, where, however, the unpleasant manifestation has been confined strictly within the limits of the particular lodge in which it originated. I take no credit to myself for this satisfactory state of affairs, but I do see in it the result of the prudence, vigilance and resourcefulness displayed by my predecessors in the office I now hold.

The special report of Bro. M. M. Miller, Chairman of Correspondence, recognizing Saskatchewan and Western Australia, contains an able dissertation on Grand Lodge sovereignty:

The claims of a large number of jurisdictions, hitherto unrecognized, have been presented to your committee for consideration, upon only two of which, however, are your committee now able to make definite report, viz.: Saskatchewan and Western Australia.

The investigation of the Western Australia claim presented to your committee two interesting questions, one of which was the following, viz.: Whether the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, having subscribed to a condition whereby it bound itself to the Grand Lodge of Scotland not to grant warrants for the organization of any Masonic lodge outside of its own territory, the Grand Lodge of Scotland not being restricted in like manner, did not thereby confessedly admit that it was a power of limited jurisdiction, and subject to conditions of supremacy imposed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, thereby further acknowledging and conceding that it was not, and could not claim to be, a sovereign Grand Lodge, even though it then was, and theretofore generally had been, recognized by Masonic Grand bodies as a sovereign Grand body.

Strictly construed, and considered solely as an original claimant for recognition, it seems to your committee that such conclusion might reasonably have been reached, though it is a question of very great doubt whether any Grand Lodge would so determine in this specific case under the surrounding circumstances.

General recognition conceded by the body interested, it would seem that any condition or exaction—as in this case—would be inoperative. A grant of general recognition, necessarily carrying with it a cession of all the powers hitherto claimed to be vested in and belonging to what—for the purposes of this report—is courteously designated the mother jurisdiction: in other words, an acknowledgment of sovereignty carries with it all that sovereignty implies, and that, once granted, any conditions or exactions impairing that sovereignty are beyond the power of the granting body to rightfully impose.

If this be admitted when the two bodies only are to be considered, how much more must the reason stand when we consider that the body attempted to be made subject and inferior to the other already was, by the great law of Masonry, entirely free and independent and possessed in her own right of sovereignty as a Grand Lodge of Masons, and so generally acknowledged by the Masonic world.

We think the conclusion follows inevitably that the organization and independence of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, having been an accomplished fact prior thereto, that the act of recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland was merely cumulative in its character, and that any attempt, by duress or otherwise, to restrict the Grand Lodge of Western Australia in its sovereign capacity was beyond the power of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and therefore nugatory and void.

The second question presented in connection with the Western Australia matter was the following:

Is sovereignty an entity, to be exercised as such only by the sovereign power, or can a sovereign power surrender to another or others its prerogative as such and still claim to be a sovereign power; or, to phrase it in other words, can several separate and distinct sovereignties confer upon each other such portion of their individual sovereignty as Grand Lodges, and thereby restrict and prevent recognition of another Grand body by either, until all three are agreed, and thereafter still be entitled to consideration as sovereign Grand bodies?

In Latin countries we mark as "Taboo" any Grand Lodge that acknowledges the supremacy over it of a council, yet what would such an aggregation as the one above referred to be but a council as autocratic as Solomon's, which permitted nothing to be done affecting either of the three until all were present and agreed?

If such an aggregation were for greater liberty, a greater facility in extending the genial influences of brotherhood in the world, it might be entitled to some consideration, but when it is used to restrict, retard and shut out Masons from their right of self-government and of their right to use, in their own part of the world, the funds raised by themselves for Masonic benevolence; in short, when it deviates from the general plan of Masonry, then its organizers should be asked to restore to their jurisdictions the individual sovereignty taken from them, or forfeit their right to consideration as sovereign Grand bodies, and that until such sovereignty is restored, and such un-Masonic aggregation is dissolved, its objections to or denials of Masonic right be considered inoperative and held for naught.

Bro. Miller reviews our Proceedings of 1908. In the concluding portion of his report we find the following:

The absence of discordant notes among the correspondence reviewers has been noticeable. The world is getting better. Even our old friend the Pope, after Masons had been subjected to centuries of lambastings of various kinds by his predecessors, some of which we are too polite to even mention, in a proper exercise of his infallibility, has given the official sanction of paternal approval to a secret society, and, notwithstanding the centuries of bulls, objurgations and denunciations, has put the sponge to the slate and wiped out what has been urged and enforced so potently—since the days of the Inquisition—under the pains and penalties of excommunication in this life, as well as the terrible torments of purgatory, or those of the place of which it is ante-chamber, in the life to come. Bro. Jasper said fearlessly, "The world do

move." Pope Urban sent Galileo before the Inquisition for enunciating the same sublime truth, but it remained for the present infallible Pope to demonstrate that, after three hundred and forty-five years, the Roman Catholic Church had learned something from the march of events.

Fred. Washbon (Anthony), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G. S.

LOUISIANA

97th Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 1st, 1909.

The Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Senior Warden, Bro. N. B. Null. After five months of service the Grand Master removed from the State, and shortly after that the Deputy Grand Master died, so the responsibility was thrown upon Bro. Null. His address gives evidence that he was fully equal to the occasion, although called upon so unexpectedly. On the state of the Craft he says:

I am afforded considerable pleasure in stating that the condition of the Order in the State is better than it has been for some time, and that we are steadily growing numerically, and that dispensations have been issued and new lodges instituted in localities where each has a fair field for work and should be the nucleus of thriving bodies before several years. The many favorable comments that are made upon the quality and effectiveness of the work as rendered by the lodges speak volumes in favor of both Grand Lecturers, who have been untiring in their efforts to raise the standard.

Work in all fields has been progressing, in spite of the fact that the year has not been an especially good one, first on account of the financial depression, and again by reason of the disastrous floods which have played such havoc in the northern part of the State.

At the outset of the year the work of the Order in the city of New Orleans was disturbed to some small extent by the attempted introduction of Cerneauism into the State, but the Grand Master, by prompt action predicated upon previous legislation by your M. W. body in the year 1890, handled the proposition with little difficulty or friction, and it is safe to say that the peace and harmony of our different subordinate bodies will never again be threatened by its reappearance.

On fraternal relations with other Grand bodies the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Edict No. 5, whereby Masonic intercourse was forbidden with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, be and is hereby repealed, and the Grand Master is requested to arrange for an exchange of representatives.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested to arrange for the exchange of representatives with the Eclectic Grand Lodge of

Frankfort-on-the-Main, the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin, Grand Lodge "Royal York," of Prussia, the Grand Lodge of Saxony and the Grand Lodge of Chile.

Resolved, That fraternal recognition be and is hereby tendered to the Grand Countries Lodges, at Berlin, the Grand Lodge "Of the Sun," at Bayreuth, the Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht," of Hesse, at Darmstadt, the Grand Lodge of Sweden, the Grand Lodge of Norway, the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Lodge Symbolic of Hungary, the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, at The Hague, the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, the Grand Lodge of Oaxaca, the Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon, the Grand Lodge Cosmos, of Chihuahua, and the Grand Lodge of San Salvador.

Resolved, That in consequence of the invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas by the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico, through the granting of warrants to several lodges therein, recognition be and is hereby withdrawn from said Grand Lodge, and all intercourse therewith is hereby prohibited.

Resolved, That the question of recognition of the Grand Orient of the Republic of Argentina, the Grand Orient of Uruguay, and other Masonic powers not now recognized by us, be deferred and referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence for further investigation by them.

The committee on Jurisprudence presented a special report on that part of the Grand Master's address referring to the attempts of one M. W. Bayliss to organize "Cerneau" lodges, the conclusion of which we quote. It appears that Bayliss has entered a suit against the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge for libel:

In the "Circular" communication of April 23, 1908, the M. W. Grand Master recites at length the action of this Grand Lodge in 1890, on the subject of Cerneau-Masonry, wherein it is distinctly declared that it has ever been held "illegitimate" and not to be recognized by this Grand Lodge as "Regular Masonry."

This committee approves the prompt action taken by the Grand Master to ascertain the extent to which said M. W. Bayliss may have succeeded in obtaining followers, or adherents to him or his bodies, by directing the Worshipful Masters of lodges to summon the membership for that purpose.

We approve of the conclusion (or fact) with which he warned the Craft of the consequences of joining the Bayliss bodies, which must necessarily impose the penalty of expulsion.

In this he only carried out the law and will of the Fraternity of this jurisdiction as expressed in the resolutions of 1885, above quoted.

We approve of the opportunity he afforded the B. B., who unfortunately had violated our laws, to allow the offence to be condoned by voluntary confession and renunciation of allegiance to the illegal body.

And we recommend that this M. W. Grand Lodge approve this report and the action of Grand Master in the premises, in so far

as said circulars state the law of the case, the clandestine character of the bodies claimed to be represented by said M. W. Bayliss, and the warnings given out and conditions imposed on those who had "Masonic intercourse" with him, in regard to the unlawful intent to establish "bodies" in this jurisdiction.

We are informed by the petition in the suit for damages above referred to that Mr. Bayliss claims that the Grand Master wrongfully libelled him in using the terms bogus, spurious, irregular and clandestine, and referring to him as a "Peddler of Degrees" and as an "Interloper." The question whether these things constitute libel in law under all the attendant circumstances is, therefore, to be determined by the law of the land, and it would be indelicate and out of place for this committee or for this Grand Lodge to express an opinion on that subject.

It is proper to say, however, that while this Grand Lodge accepts responsibility for the acts of the Grand Master in designating the bodies which Mr. Bayliss represented and endeavored to establish here as illegitimate, irregular and clandestine, it should decline to approve or accept responsibility for anything distinctly personal; it should declare that it limits its approval, as in the recommendations above set forth, to the statement of the law of this jurisdiction and the consequence of its violations, and expressly disclaims any intention thereby to bring into the issue so made the personal character or reputation of Mr. Bayliss, or any other person connected with this matter, and therefore this committee recommends that this Grand body, while approving the official declaration of the Grand Master of the law of this jurisdiction, does not approve or accept for an act for which it is legally or morally responsible irrelevant or personal matter, if any, contained in the Grand Master's publications, and affirmatively disclaims any intention to reflect on the personal and moral character of Mr. M. W. Bayliss.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1908. On "What makes a Mason," he says:

We fully agree with the brother that there are Masons and Masons, and that while in one sense the assumption of the obligation makes a man a Mason, yet in a higher and truer sense it does not.

It seems to us that our Ritual attributes to the obligation a force and a power. The obligation is no longer a dead ceremonial act, but a forceful power. The obligation is a monitor, a prick to the conscience, ever reminding him who has taken it to himself that he has bound himself to certain courses of life, having both its moral restrictions and its expanding aspirations.

It seems to us, however, that it is of more importance to consider not what the relations of the obligations are to the man, but rather what the man's relations are to the obligation. So, then, when asked the question, What makes a man a Mason? we should be glad to so pronounce the answer of the Ritual that it should declare that the manner in which a brother permits and encourages his obligation to affect his life, his conversation and his work is that which develops the Masonic character in him. A man begins

to be a Mason at the altar; he grows into its stature as the obligations form him; he attains unto the full stature of a Mason when the full and vital energies of the obligation shall have spent themselves upon him, and he is such a man as the Divine Artificer can shape.

L. E. Thomas (Shreveport), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE

89th Communication, Portland, May 5th, 1908.

Charles F. Johnson, G. M.

The Grand Master gave the brethren a cordial welcome, and in his address remarked on the all-prevailing peace and prosperity throughout his jurisdiction, marred by no discord of any kind. Their foreign relations were also, he said, of a most friendly and cordial nature. Their numbers have been largely increased without lowering the standard of those initiated. Bro. Johnson calls the attention of the lodges to one of their standing regulations, which forbids the holding of Masonic balls by any lodge.

A new point disposed of in the proper manner is disclosed in the following:

In one instance application was made to me to allow a lodge to amend its record, which had been confirmed and had stood for several years, so that the legal name of a candidate could be substituted for the assumed name under which he was raised in the lodge. There was no evidence of bad faith; the candidate was an actor by profession, and in his application to the lodge had made use of his professional name, by which he was well known to all the members of the lodge, and to only a few of whom was he known by his legal name. He afterwards wished to make application in another jurisdiction for higher degrees, but was there known by his legal name, and he requested the lodge in the State in which he was raised to supply evidence that he had received the degrees in that lodge.

I ruled that the records of the lodge could not be amended, but that the officers of the lodge, if they had knowledge, might certify that he had received the degrees in their lodge under his professional name, but that the record must stand as confirmed.

We copy part of his concluding remarks with much pleasure:

Now as I am about to lay down these duties, I can say to you with all sincerity that my appreciation then of the honor has now been increased a hundred-fold, and my knowledge of the magnitude and extent of the work in a much larger proportion. I did not then know Masonry as I know it now. I had just completed a

short excursion along the shores of that great ocean whose tides rise and fall upon every land. I have since sailed a little further out on that ocean, though not beyond familiar capes, yet far enough to catch a glimpse of the commerce conveyed upon its surging breast—not a commerce whose object is wealth, but brotherly love, which freights every swiftly-gliding ship upon that blue expanse, as with sails all spread she speeds on her way to the port where fraternal recognition awaits her. And as I watched the ships from your harbors making their way to where the favoring breezes would fill their sails, all loaded deep with the same precious treasures, my heart grew within me, and I knew that "Man liveth not unto himself alone," but in this era of the wider expansion of human interest his fraternal sympathy spans the globe. Of this, by your kindness, I have caught, in furthest ventures from shore, but a glimpse, but enough to create within me some realization of the universality of Masonry and its worldwide mission. For this awakening to a partial realization of the great work in which you are engaged I am indebted to you, my brethren. I have with the narrowest detail sketched for you the work of the past year; it was but a mere skeleton; the flesh that clothed it I only could see, sadly conscious of all its defects, but it has meant much to me, for, though misshapen it may be, through all its being courses the same blood that flows in me, and its life-giving power is fraternal love and sympathy.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

In his report on Correspondence, Bro. Albro E. Chase gets back at Bro. Hodson, of Oregon, who disapproves of life membership in Masonry:

We rejoin: Just think of the solid satisfaction that I have had in knowing that my life membership placed into the charity fund of the lodge has earned an amount yearly nearly, if not quite, equal to my annual dues; and that it was paid when the payment was least felt, before the home life began with its attendant cares; and the solid satisfaction, too, that never will come the time when "non-payment of dues" will stare me in the face.

Canada receives fraternal mention.

Edmund B. Mallet (Freeport), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA

33rd Communication, Winnipeg, June 10th, 1908.

James Scroggie, G. M.

In his address the Grand Master refers to the healthy condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction, and states that he granted dispensations to two new lodges, at Brookdale and Swan Creek. We quote from his concluding remarks:

And now, my brethren, while this address deals largely with the executive and material interests of our beloved Order, let us

not forget the real object and true aim of Masonry: "The making of character and the making of men." Beautiful tho' our work is, and the presentation of it effectively a great accomplishment, its beauty will be lost if we overlook the true spirit in the teachings of our system. If our institution had been designed for pastime and pleasure alone, its life would have been brief, it would have passed away and been forgotten. But, because truth prevails, and the foundations of Masonic work were firmly established upon principles everlasting, its usefulness has grown with the ages, and the travelling orb of light finds no earth where Masonry holds not her altar upturned to the Divine Creator. It is not my purpose to parade the virtues of our Order, but only to remind you of the privileges you enjoy, and of the possibilities which lie before you of incorporating into your lives the Truth itself, and "The Truth shall make you free."

The sum of \$1,000.00, each, was granted to the two daughter Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the same to be paid out of the general fund.

They have now seven districts in this jurisdiction, and the District Deputy Grand Masters covered their territory very fully and report continued prosperity.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Henry J. Pugh (Virden), G. M.

James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND

At the half-yearly Communication on May 12th, 1908, reference was made to the second destruction of their Temple by fire. Cordial resolutions of thanks were passed to the city authorities and various organizations, who generously proffered aid and assistance and the use of their buildings. The new Temple is to be better than ever, fireproof and with increased accommodations.

The Grand Master stated that he is one of that number of persons who believe that it is more commendable to show proper respect to a worthy person while living than to wait until after death to show tardy recognition for invaluable services.

He then recalled some of the many services of R. W. Past Senior Grand Warden Edward T. Schultz, now totally blind, but still performing wonderfully fine work as Chairman of the committee on Correspondence. He asked an appropriation to have painted for the embellishment of the walls of the reconstructed temple a portrait of our much-loved brother.

Eulogistic remarks were made by Bros. Daniel Ammer and Rev. Henry Branch, and a motion to have the portrait painted and hung under the authority of the M. W. Grand Master was unanimously adopted.

122nd Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 17, 1908.

Thomas J. Shryock, G. M.

The lodges are in good financial condition, meetings well attended and the work impressively performed.

Saskatchewan was recognized.

Bro. Edward T. Schultz presented his 22nd report on Correspondence, and how he manages to do this work so well, in spite of his inability to see, surpasses our imagination. We can but heartily congratulate him on the courage and constancy with which he surmounts almost insuperable difficulties, and he has our most fraternal sympathy in his misfortune.

On the Past Master's degree, or, as we have it, the degree of an Installed Master, Bro. Schultz says:

We will say to Bro. Smith that the authority of the Grand Master is not necessary to hold a Past Master's lodge, although the records quoted may lead one to suppose so. As a matter of fact, the Past Master's degree is not officially recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maryland; there is no mention whatever of that degree in our written Constitution, but ever since the organization of our Grand Lodge it has been held by the unwritten law to be a prerequisite for a Master-elect, before he can be installed, to receive the Past Master's degree. By the same unwritten law it has been regarded an inherent right of the brethren in possession of that degree to assemble, open a lodge, and confer this degree on the Master-elect whenever requested to do so.

Canada for 1907 has a good notice.

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G. M.

William M. Isaac (Baltimore), G. S.

MICHIGAN

64th Communication, Jackson, May 26th, 1908.

Charles E. Sweet, G. M.

The Grand Master's official acts, and the numerous visitations made by him, prove him to have been a very able and efficient officer. One new lodge was granted a dispensation, and seven new lodges were instituted.

Their Masonic Home has 53 inmates, an increase of two over the same period last year, and the average weekly cost per capita was about \$13.80.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

A recommendation of the Grand Master that the degree of Entered Apprentice should only be conferred on one candidate at a time was adopted.

A grant of \$5,000.00 was made towards the cost of erecting a hospital on the Masonic Home grounds at Grand Rapids.

The following decision appears open to serious question, as it is contrary to the almost universally accepted rule:

A lodge may attend the funeral of a brother, in a body and in full regalia, although taking no part in the ceremonies, the lodge appearing merely as a mourner.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, reviewing 68 Grand Lodges; amongst them our Proceedings for 1907 receive courteous mention.

Herbert Montague (Traverse City), G. M.

Lou. B. Winsor (Reed City), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI

91st Communication, Meridian, Feb. 15th, 1909.

Edwin J. Martin, G. M.

The Grand Master was fully impressed with the importance of official visitations and the cultivation of fraternal intercourse, which should be more frequent than it is. During his year of office he attended 120 lodge meetings and witnessed the conferring of 130 degrees. He performed all his multifarious duties, laying corner-stones, etc., *in propria persona*, never engaging a deputy to do what he believed it was his duty to do. Ten new lodges were opened. We quote from his exordium:

The privileges and comforts that we enjoy, in large part, were unknown to our fathers. Abundant harvests have given us plenty and to spare. We are enjoying peace, harmony and all of the needed comforts, and some of the luxuries, to make us happy and contented. Our common country is enjoying a season of peace and good-will toward all of the nations of the world, and we enjoy the protection of one of the greatest and most liberal governments known to man. Our state and national governments are presided over by Christian gentlemen who fear God and respect the rights of citizens. Truly, our lot is cast in a happy period.

To these advantageous and happy conditions the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons is contributing largely. Founded upon the purest principles of morality and virtue, its strong and benefi-

cent influence is joining in the good work of helping to make our common country better and greater, and the conditions of mankind happier and more useful. The work of our institution is to relieve the distress of a worthy brother, to provide for the destitute widow and care for the helpless orphan, to disseminate light and truth. As early as 1840 this Grand Lodge went on record in favor of free education, and since its early history has fostered and encouraged enlightenment. In fact, every public movement for the betterment of our people, morally, socially and intellectually, when not of its direct instigation, has had the hearty support of this institution. The spirit of Masonry, its religion, has always been that wherever one hand meets another helpfully, there is the true spirit, there the true religion. And, after all, the spirit of confidence, of trust, and, above all, the spirit of love and helpfulness, is the only true religion which ever was or ever will be.

The list of dispensations refused contains some curiosities:

Declined to authorize a lodge to elect a Treasurer to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a brother, for the reason our laws make no provision for the election of a Treasurer.

Declined to authorize a lodge to elect a Worshipful Master to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Master: the law providing that the Senior Warden shall discharge the duties.

Declined dispensation to a lodge to receive the application of a candidate, a most worthy man, but who could not read or write.

Declined dispensation to retake ballot, because the request was not authorized by vote of the lodge.

Declined dispensation to John A. Quitman lodge to receive the petition of a Minister of the Gospel, who had not resided in the jurisdiction twelve months, as required by Sec. 4 of the Rules and Regulations.

Declined dispensation to Mooresville lodge to advance an Entered Apprentice who cannot read or write.

Declined dispensation to Slaughter lodge to receive petition of a candidate who has not resided in the jurisdiction twelve months, as required by the Rules and Regulations.

Declined dispensation to certain brethren to form a new lodge at Jonathan, it being within less than ten miles from Leakesville lodge, Jonathan not being an incorporated town.

Declined dispensation to retake ballot in a case where a member acknowledged casting a black ball while under the influence of whiskey. I advised the lodge to close their doors against drunken members and avoid such troubles.

Dispensations were issued to the following named lodges during the year. All of them will doubtless make applications for charters at the present session of the Grand Lodge:

With reference to their new Masonic Home the Grand Master says:

The Masonic Home was opened October 15th, 1908. This will long be remembered by the Masonic Fraternity in this Grand jurisdiction. Many of our old brethren, who have gone to their reward, worked and prayed to see the opening of this institution—an institution so near the hearts of the Masons of our State.

The Home is well built, a magnificent structure just north of the city of Meridian, on a high elevation overlooking the city and surrounding country. It can be seen for miles, from the east, south or west. It is surrounded by trees of natural growth, oak, pine, hickory, gum, maple, and many other trees natural to our common forests. The scenery is grand, and the magnificent, well-proportioned building gives the Home and its surroundings a real home-like appearance.

Here we have a happy band of children, well fed, comfortably clothed, and under the influence of a splendid Christian management. The children who are large enough attend our public schools, which are regarded as equal to the best in the State.

The Home is supplied with water and is connected to the city sewerage system.

To our city are due thanks and praise for the splendid spirit of liberality extended to the Home. Free water, free sewer connection, and free tuition in the public schools.

I have appeared before the meetings of our city government several times to present the interests of our Home and to ask favors of the city authorities. On every proposition I have presented before the city government a unanimous vote of the city officials has been freely given in favor of the interests of the Home. This is the strongest evidence, my brethren, that we have located the Home in the right place.

I refer you to the report of our Board of Trustees for information in regard to the financial condition of the Home.

Hearing that there was a regular negro lodge in New Jersey, the Grand Master wrote to find out about it and received the following reply from the Grand Master of New Jersey:

Yours of the 22nd inst., inquiring concerning a lodge of negroes in this State, received. Your information is correct. Alpha lodge, No. 166, F. & A. M., of Newark, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, is composed almost entirely of negroes. The lodge was warranted on January 19th, 1871, but it has never been very prosperous and is not so now, having a total membership of only forty-six on January 1, 1908.

There is no law in this jurisdiction against making negroes Masons nor of affiliation by regularly-made Masons, irrespective of color. Alpha lodge, however, is the only lodge in this jurisdiction that has any negro members. There are, of course, a number of so-called negro Masonic lodges in the State, but we do not in any wise recognize them.

Thereupon Bro. Martin ordered the discontinuance of fraternal correspondence, by the following letter:

Meridian, Miss., Jan. 14, 1909.

Mr. William D. Wolfskeil,
Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey,
Elizabeth, N.J.

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother:

Yours of August 25th, advising me that negroes are initiated and affiliated in your Grand jurisdiction, is received.

Our Grand Lodge holds differently. Masonry never contemplated that her privileges should be extended to a race morally and intellectually totally incapacitated to discharge the obligations which they assume or have conferred upon them in a Masonic lodge. It is no answer that there are exceptions to this general character of the race. We legislate for the race, and not for the exceptions.

We hold that affiliation with negroes is contrary to the teachings of Masonry and dangerous to the interest of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

Therefore I, E. J. Martin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Mississippi, do order that fraternal correspondence between the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey be and is hereby discontinued until such time as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey shall see fit to desist from her present practice of initiating or affiliating negroes as Masons.

With my best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN J. MARTIN,

Grand Master.

This matter was referred to a special committee, who are presumably still considering, as they made no report at this session. There are many other regular lodges in the world having negro members, and that committee might make some enquiries of the Grand Lodge of England as to their lodges in the West Indies.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence recommends that action on the recognition of the following Grand bodies be indefinitely postponed, to wit:

- The Grand Lodge of El Salvador, C.A.;
- The Grand Lodge of Chile;
- The Grand Lodge of the Federal District, Mexico.
- The Grand Lodge of Guatemala;
- The Grand Orient of Paraguay;
- The Grand Orient of Italy;
- The Grand Orient of Nuevo Leon.

The Home was formally dedicated with full ceremonies.

Bro. Harry Howard presented his third report on Correspondence, and he keeps on improving all the time. Our Proceedings of 1908 receive due attention. We are glad to quote his conclusion:

The published Proceedings this year show little outside the regular course of procedure, but such as has attracted our notice we beg to lay before you:

- I. The gain in membership in the United States and Canada has been for the year 1908, 85,527.
- II. Scotland, having forgotten that kindly consideration due other Grand Lodges, still erects and maintains lodges on American territory, and so far no American Grand Lodge has protested against the continued usurpation.
- III. New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio have obtained in the Courts far-reaching decisions against all the frauds, barnacles and clandestines of Masonry.
- IV. There should be a uniform system in each jurisdiction of the records and accounts of the Secretaries.

It is a common occurrence to read in the transactions under review that the Secretaries are incompetent and that the returns of subordinate lodges have to be corrected time and again. We think every Secretary and Treasurer, Grand and Subordinate, should be under bond, and that sentiment should not elect the Secretary, but that his business capacity should be his best asset.

The Grand Secretary of North Dakota has the idea, we think, and has organized and held a convention of the Secretaries of the lodges of his State, by resolution of the Grand Lodge.

- V. Washington, our northwest borderland, claims to possess the best Code in the country, and is upheld in her contention by the trenchant pen of Bro. Jenks, of Wisconsin.
- VI. In many jurisdictions the officers-elect must be able to confer the degrees before they can be installed.

Does not this poll-parrot idea of Masonry help swell the long list of the non-affiliates? Surely the ritual is not the light of the Masonic world, for the true Mason needs no ritual to lead him on the way.

- VII. In other jurisdictions the Master Mason has to stand an examination as to proficiency, within a certain number of days after he has been raised.

All this only hastens the use of the cipher, clandestine or official, as the case may be.

In its place the ritual is a necessity, but the lessons inculcated never have and never will be dependent on the prancing ritualist who knows it all.

- VIII. There is no other organization where Jew and Gentile meet without sacrificing their convictions.

This is our strength; we leave to the churches the anathemas, the burnings, and the murders, to content ourselves with the command: "Love thy Brother."

Wiley H. Clifton (Aberdeen), G. M.

Frederic Speed (Vicksburg), G. S.

MISSOURI

88th Communication, St. Louis, Sept. 29, 1908.

John T. Short, G. M.

The Grand Master reports harmony and prosperity all along the line. Eight new lodges received dispensations, and their Masonic Home is in a most prosperous condition. Three Past Grand Masters died during the year, among them being Bro. Noah M. Given, who for 40 years had been active and prominent in Missouri Masonry, and to whom the success of the Home was largely attributable.

The 56 District Deputies were of great assistance to the Grand Master, and received his thanks for their valuable services.

Recognition was refused to the Grand Lodges of Greece, Italy, Brazil and "Cosmos." The report says:

We are informed that the Grand Lodge of Greece, the Grand Lodge of Italy and the Grand Lodge of Brazil are all making efforts to organize subordinate lodges within the United States, which is an invasion of Grand Lodge territory, and again we do not receive satisfactory information as to the organization and conduct of such Grand Lodges.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1907, Bro. R. E. Anderson compliments Bro. Burritt on his masterly address, and he has the following to say on maimed candidates:

Certain qualifications of candidates for initiation are derived from a Landmark of the Order. These qualifications are that he shall be a man—unmutilated, free-born and of mature age; that is to say, a woman, a cripple, or a slave, or one born in slavery, is disqualified for initiation into the rites of Masonry. Statutes, it is true, have from time to time been enacted enforcing and explaining these principles; but the qualifications really arise from the very nature of the Masonic institution and from its symbolic teachings, and have always existed as Landmarks. If Grand Lodges would observe these Landmarks, as they are in duty bound to do, there would be no occasion for any such questions. Are there not men enough, having no maim or defect in their bodies, to supply the Craft? We think so, and predict nothing but trouble so long as the Landmarks are violated.

And on the same subject, from "Washington":

You are right, Bro. Chadwick, we "old fogies" try to keep the "new lights" in line, but, in spite of our protest, they will "kick over the line" once in a while. Some of us think that the Grand Lodge is as much bound by the Landmarks as any constituent lodge. Like Bro. Upton, this writer believes that Masonic sovereignty resides in the body of the Craft, to be exercised through

their lodges in a manner fixed by immemorial usage. We think the Grand Lodge is the "supreme" Masonic body in the State, but she is neither omnipotent or irresponsible. She is a subordinate body, subordinate to the Landmarks and her own Constitution. But sometimes, in spite of us, they will do things all their own."

R. R. Kreeger (Kansas City), G. M.

John R. Parson (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA

43rd Communication, Butte, September 18, 1907.

Alexander D. Macdonald, G. M.

Bro. Macdonald is a native of New Brunswick. He went to Montana in 1891 and joined the Fraternity in 1892. His rapid advancement to the highest position in the Craft is largely owing to his zeal and ability. His views on the condition of the State and the lodges are optimistic:

The year just ended has shown the greatest increase in membership we have ever known, and there is good reason to believe that the coming year will exceed the past in everything tending towards solid and enduring advancement.

Peace prevails throughout the world, and while the ardently-desired day when "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation" may be far distant, we can still look forward with a reasonable degree of certainty to the time when most of the disputes between civilized nations will be settled by arbitration.

Material prosperity continues to prevail, and the wheels of industry revolve with unabated diligence.

Within our own State the years of plenty are surely with us. The product of the mine and the forest find everywhere a ready market, and the farm has this year yielded such abundance as was never before known. Labor is plentiful and wages the highest, and many of the luxuries of life are within the reach of all.

The death of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Cornelius Hedges, removes a prominent figure from the Masonic circle. He was one of the original members of the Grand Lodge of Montana, was Grand Master in 1870 and Grand Secretary and Chairman of Correspondence for 35 years. In point of service he was the oldest Grand Secretary in the United States. He was a man of wide attainments, and his reports were of the best quality. He will be greatly missed, and his memory will long be cherished by his brethren.

Their Masonic Home is about completed at a cost of \$37,000.

The annual dues were increased to \$2.00, half to go towards the support of the Home.

There is no report on Correspondence this year.

Squire C. Kenyon (Bozeman), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr. (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA

51st Communication, Omaha, June 9, 1908.

Ornan J. King, G. M.

We quote part of his opening remarks :

During the past year a large measure of prosperity has been meted out to the Fraternity in this State, the number initiated being the largest of which we have any record. The net increase is also the largest during any one year in the history of the Grand Lodge. Our funds are ample, if properly expended, for all necessary purposes; and it can be safely said that at no period of our history have we made greater advancement than during the past year. In reviewing these conditions, however, it is well to call the attention of the several lodges throughout the jurisdiction to the fact that the great element of strength in a Fraternity like ours consists not so much in the amount of work done as in the quality of the material received and the manner in which the degrees are conferred. Masonry is an institution peculiar unto itself. It follows none, patterns after none, and competes with none. It is an institution founded for the purpose of impressing upon the minds of its members lessons of morality, obedience to law, and the leading of just and upright lives. Every lesson in Freemasonry is intended to impress upon the minds of its votaries the duties they owe to themselves and to others; and the work of the several degrees should be done so as to make the impressions of the sublime lessons and principles as deep and lasting as possible. A small increase composed of the right kind of material is preferable to untold numbers that might in any way be undesirable. It is therefore well to see that none are admitted except such as are after due trial found worthy.

He mentions the death of P. G. M., G. W. Lininger, the Father and President of their Masonic Home, and a prominent figure in Nebraska Masonry for many years.

Six new lodges were opened.

The Grand Custodian, Bro. Robert E. French, had a busy time. He speaks rather feelingly on some matters connected with his work, evidently having a thought for the peace of mind and the digestion of his successor :

After many years of experience in my present field of labor, I feel at times as though our present method is not accomplishing

the desired results sought for by the Grand Lodge—that of a higher standard of proficiency in the work of the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. Neither can I see my way clear to suggest an improvement over the present method, without taking chances on other serious complications that might arise from any change from the present one; the time allowed to cover the necessary programme (three days), including time for travel, in some cases is rather limited, and must of necessity crowd the general instruction, giving no time for individual instruction, which is sometimes very essential, although I am pleased to inform the Grand Lodge that there are several lodges in the State that are no longer in need of formal instruction from the Grand Custodian, being substantially correct as a whole, and letter correct in many respects. This happy condition is in a large degree due to the untiring zeal and unwavering interest of true, noble and devoted brethren, whose loyalty to the principles of Masonry, fidelity to its obligations, and obedience to its laws and constituted authority, have well fitted them for teachers of the mystic art.

I sincerely hope that the Grand Lodge will not permit itself to follow an old-time rut that will interfere with the advancement and interest of the Craft, as a whole, regardless of the individuality or personality of any one—the twig of a tree is not to be considered in comparison with the whole body, and its vigorous branches.

Unpleasant experiences in the past, arising from generous motives, no doubt, but not from a proper understanding of conditions, compel me to guard well the future from any further repetitions along the lines of extending any personal favors in the way of gifts, entertainments, or receptions to your present Grand Custodian, for reasons unnecessary to explain. They will, without a single exception, have to be respectfully declined. The Grand Lodge amply remunerates me for my services, and makes a liberal appropriation to pay all necessary expenses. See Deut., 16:19.

The pride of vanity, egotism, and self-righteousness, impedes the progress from darkness to light, equally as much as the subjugation of some cultivated passion, lust of the flesh, or pride of life.

May an earnest and sincere desire for wisdom, illuminated by the great light of Masonry, lead us one and all into the peaceful realm of the realization of the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," with the moral courage and Christian fortitude of the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah" to fully discharge the three great duties which as Masons we are charged to inculcate, viz., "to God, our neighbor, and ourselves," by practice as well as by precept.

If no good I have done in the spirit or letter,
The sooner forgotten, the sooner the better.
But if on Life's page kindly acts you can trace,
"All is Well" with me—it's known in the right place.

Thirty-eight people were cared for in the Home during the year. The cost per capita was \$230.30, an increase of \$40.33 over the previous year. The new addition was completed at a cost of \$12,000, and a further bequest of \$5,000 was received under the will of

Bro. Lininger to build and equip a chapel for the use of the Home.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps reviews the foreign Grand Lodges. In his remarks on Canada, he characterizes the address of Grand Master Burritt as one evidencing zeal, ability, and, what is so admirable in a Grand Master, great consideration for his brethren. He also says:

To the memory of the fraternal dead the Grand Master pays loving tribute. Among his official acts he reports an exchange of Grand Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which we note with peculiar pleasure, having just laid aside the review for British Columbia, by Bro. DeWolf-Smith, who takes this writer to task for recommending the recognition of Queensland to our Nebraska Grand Lodge. Speaking of the subject of extending such recognition, it is safe to say that British Columbia would do well to get onto the broad ground occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada, where, under the wise guidance of broad-minded Craftsmen, the universality of Masonry is recognized. M. W. Bros. J. Ross Robertson and Henry Robertson, and others, have wrought faithfully in the upbuilding of correct Masonic views in that Grand jurisdiction. All doubts as to the regularity of formation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland should, says Bro. Henry Robertson, be set at rest.

William A. DeBord (Omaha), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA

44th Communication, Reno, June 9, 1908.

Robert Lewers, G. M.

He relates how his first visit necessitated a trip of 1,100 miles in going and nearly 600 in returning. He reports peace and prosperity and the largest increase in membership in 40 years. On the subject of Masonic relief, he has the following very sensible and practical remarks:

I have had some correspondence with other jurisdictions in regard to the subject of Masonic relief. This is a practical question and one which demands careful consideration.

I would like to urge upon the officers of all our lodges caution in doing this work. If a sojourning brother asks for relief, or needs relief, it is your duty to extend immediate relief, and then to notify his lodge of the facts in the case. Do not extend the relief in the belief that the sojourner's lodge will have to reimburse your lodge. It is the judge of what it can and will do. Explain the cost of nursing, medical attendance, etc., carefully to Eastern lodges, for they do not understand why they are so high in the

West. The cost of a hearse—\$15—staggeres them. Sending a body East requires double fare, and this paralyzes the treasury of a little lodge. If the foreign lodge does not pay, your lodge becomes responsible, and you have your own members to consider. Be charitable; it is your duty. Be careful, for it will save trouble.

They are in difficulties with the diversity of "work":

At Las Vegas the same question was asked, and as Bro. Park served as a Master of a lodge in Kentucky, I told him Kentucky work was Nevada work for Vegas. It was embarrassing to confess this to new brothers, but what was I to do? Some of our lodges have good work—work they prize; some get their work here and there and everywhere; some have a hard time getting any work, and it is thoroughly discouraging to the officers who want to learn Nevada work, and will learn it if they have a chance to do so. There is no encouragement for a Warden to learn the work, and he ends up by not learning it until he has to do so, and then gets it from some Past Master who is kind enough to instruct him. The result is one kind of work one term and another kind next term. I have been through the mill, learning one kind of work and finding out I was leaving out essentials, learned another going to the Grand Lecturer of an adjoining State and getting it correct; then I learned another kind, and to-day I would really like to know some standard work well. Candidates learn their lectures in this style and that, and get mixed from the beginning.

You and I, who have been through the chairs, do not want to learn any new work; we are prejudiced in favor of what we know. We do not have to learn it; let us lay aside our set opinions and give the young men a chance. The burden falls on them. Let us insist on good work while we are at it. Make the work complete by including all the essentials, but shorten it by avoiding repetition where not necessary. We admit that no innovations can be made, and then learn that English work, which is, of course, the foundation, is not American or Webb work, and that Canadian work differs radically from ours. We find the F. C. degree shortened in Pennsylvania, and yet there are no innovations. What are they? The spirit is the same, but let us get down at the bottom of the subject, and get the best work we can.

I have had many letters from Grand Masters in relation to this question, because I have asked for advice from the experienced. With the possible exception of Connecticut, the jurisdictions all have some system of uniform work, and they all wonder how we get along. We are not in step with other jurisdictions, but as our membership is increasing rapidly, let us get in step.

I do not believe in the cipher plan, but many jurisdictions use it and approve it. The plan of having a Grand Lecturer may be too expensive for us, but the school of instruction plan so strongly recommended by Oregon and Washington will do our work well.

Therefore, asking all the brethren, for the sake of the general good of Masonry in Nevada, for the sake of efficiency, for the sake of the young Masons, to lay aside bias for favored work, I earnestly ask you to provide for the appointment of a commission of, say, three, to be appointed to select a standard work for use in

Nevada, and to report at the next Grand Lodge prepared to exemplify the work. It is our duty to do this to keep the work up to standard efficiency. Our present plan is responsible for more innovations than any other plan can possibly work out.

Following out this suggestion, a committee was appointed to report at next session. •

Saskatchewan was recognized.

The Grand Master had to do the Correspondence report himself. He says that he derived an immense amount of valuable information from reading the various Proceedings as carefully as a reviewer must do. The report is very well written. We regret that our Proceedings were not included.

The Grand Secretary was absent through illness. A resolution of sympathy was passed by the Grand Lodge.

Charles L. Fulstone (Carson City), G. M.

C. N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK

41st Communication, St. John, Aug. 25th, 1908.

John S. D. Chipman, G. M.

The increased interest and prosperity which has been noticeable during the last few years are continuing. The address is largely taken up with details of official visits. In his conclusion, Bro. Chipman says:

It has been brought to my notice that clandestine lodges are multiplying in Boston and vicinity, and I wish to convey a word of caution to the Worshipful Masters of all lodges in this jurisdiction about admitting visitors without first submitting them to a most rigid examination, and being satisfied that any visitor so asking permission to visit is a regular Mason in good standing.

Early in the year I granted a dispensation to R. W. P. G. M. Thomas Walker, and others of the brethren, to hold a lodge of instruction in the city of St. John, and I am glad to report that it has been well attended, and met with the approval of those who had the privilege of attending.

The rank of Past Senior Grand Warden was conferred upon the Grand Secretary, now twelve years in office.

There is no report on Correspondence.

John S. D. Chipman (St. Stephen), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

119th Communication, Concord, May 20, 1908.

William A. Plummer, G. M.

The Grand Master has the following remarks on the state of the Craft:

The record of my official acts, I think, is somewhat shorter than usual, but this does not mean that there has been a loss of interest in Masonry in the old Granite State during the past year, but that peace, harmony and prosperity prevail within our gates, and that the brethren are not spending their energies in controversies and contentions, but are engaged in promoting and upbuilding our beloved Order. I have had information concerning many lodges during the past year, and I believe that Masonry is advancing among us, and, considering the record of the past, that is a great deal to say.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Valle de Mexico were both recognized.

A resolution against dual membership and lire membership was adopted. We here have both, and have hitherto found no trouble arising therefrom.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Harry M. Cheney, who takes up his pen for the second time. He found the task laborious, but full of pleasure and interest. He was having such a good time that he felt real regret when he reached the last volume. He sums up his conclusions as follows:

Almost without exception the reports from the numerous Grand jurisdictions tell a wonderful story of growth and prosperity. It has been in all respects, the world over, a year almost unequalled. It means that our great Fraternity is, day by day, doing its appointed work, to an extent never before known. A study of what is steadily being accomplished gives one a feeling of satisfaction and pride that is rightly to be enjoyed. It proves that we are in existence for a purpose; that our purpose is being attained; that our purpose is being approved by the best manhood of our times.

Throughout the Masonic world there is but very little that is a disturbing element—really nothing save what is commonly termed the Queensland matter. But time will solve that, as it does all of our human affairs.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1907 he remarks on the large number of special dispensations issued, that, notwithstanding Bro. Burritt's explanation, "functions of a public character were pretty numerous." He gives us three pages of notice, compliments Bro. Burritt on his action in having the

word Masonic struck out of the title of an Insurance Company, and also says :

They have twenty-one districts, and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters require two hundred and forty pages in their printing. They report everything in detail, with suggestions and comments, and we would not be surprised if they are finally the most valuable and helpful contents of the entire Proceedings.

Frederick W. Sawyer (Milford), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY

121st Communication, Trenton, April 22nd, 1908.

Austen Hall McGregor, G. M.

In his opening remarks the Grand Master has the following specimen of "spread-eagleism," which, in our opinion, should not find place in a Masonic document :

I have often wondered, as from year to year we have met in this historic city of Trenton, whether we fully appreciated this privilege and adequately responded to the inspirations of the place. Here it was, my brethren, that the battle was fought which turned the Revolutionary War from a retreat and rout into an advance and mighty victory. It was our beloved and immortal brother, George Washington, aided by his Masonic Generals, who here, on Christmas Day, 1776, won the memorable battle and sent the Masonic principle of liberty on its career across the centuries with flying banners. To the mind of a Mason we owe the most beautiful flag ever unfurled beneath God's approving sky ; largely to the wisdom and loyalty of Masons we owe the first real Republic the world has ever known ; and all down the years the members of our Ancient and Honorable Craft have stood hard by the rudder of this good ship of state and steered it away from the rocks of disaster and kept it on its prosperous way.

Although somewhat carried away by his effervescent patriotism, Bro. McGregor (a good Scotch name, by the way) still found time to visit a large number of the Lodges. He constituted one new lodge, and generally performed his multifarious duties in a most efficient manner. His peroration is really good, and we quote as follows :

And now, my brethren, this is in brief an account of my administration of the trust you reposed in me thirteen months ago. I said at that time I considered an election to the office of Grand Master to be the greatest honor that could be conferred upon any man, and one that, while full of responsibilities, was also invested with high dignity. I have done my best to live up to that standard and to maintain in every particular the ideal established by my predecessors. How well or how ill I have done is for you to

say. The record is now before you for criticism or commendation. * * * I congratulate you as I continually congratulate myself that the Light of Masonry has dawned upon your eyes and flooded your souls. Let us walk in that wonderful Light; let us go from this session, not only having transacted the business before us with despatch and good-will, but having gathered inspiration to live up to the principles of our beloved Craft and to put into practice its mighty forces for the regeneration of our national life and the unification of the world. And now may we enter upon the deliberations of this session full of that spirit of Brotherly Love which should actuate our every motive.

Their Masonic Home had 74 inmates at the close of December, 1907. The cost of maintenance for the year was \$18,421.07, a per capita of \$250.28.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was accorded recognition, as also the Grand Lodge of Alpina and the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, but we would not be inclined ourselves to put the two latter in the same category as Saskatchewan.

Owing to the continued illness of Bros. Bechtel and Redway, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary respectively, and their consequent inability to perform their duties, they were retired on an allowance of \$300.00 and \$1,500.00, respectively.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs, and briefly reviews our Proceedings for 1907.

At the end of his report there appears a summary of the Proceedings of the eight German Grand Lodges, translated by Bro. Adolph Klee, from which we quote the following anent the Hamburg Grand Lodge:

The establishment of Freemasonry in Germany dates from 1737. According to the English Book of Constitutions, edition of 1738, p. 194, Grand Master (Lord) Strathmore authorized a lodge at Hamburg as early as 1733, but there is no definite proof in existence that this authorization was acted upon. The archives of Hamburg, however, preserve the original document, showing that on December 6th, 1737, a lodge was constituted in the city of Hamburg—the first lodge in Germany—which, on October 23rd, 1740, was entered on the Register of the London Grand Lodge, and assumed the name of "Absalom." On October 30th, 1740, the Worshipful Master of this lodge, Bro. Lüttman, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Hamburg and Lower Saxony by the English Grand Master. Lüttman was succeeded by Bro. Jaenisch in 1760, who died in 1781, when Bro. von Exeter was elected Grand Master. From 1764 to 1786 the connection with England was a very loose one: the Rite of Strict Observance flourishing in Germany during this period, and the English lodges in Hamburg went over, for a time, to that system. In 1786, however, the connection with England was definitely and formally resumed, and after von Exeter's death, in 1799, Bro. Beckmann continued as

Provincial Grand Master until February 4th, 1811, when the Provincial Grand Lodge declared its independence as Grand Lodge of Hamburg. This step was not altogether a voluntary one. The French occupation of Hamburg began in 1806 and lasted until 1813. On December 13, 1810, the city was incorporated with the French Empire, and all intercourse with England, commercially and otherwise, was strictly forbidden. The French authorities preëminently demanded information about the lodges' connection with England, and to avoid annexation by the Grand Orient of France, a declaration of independence became necessary.

Wm. D. Wolfskiel (Elizabeth), G. M.

Wm. D. Rutan (Newark), G. S.

NEW MEXICO

31st Communication, Albuquerque, Oct. 19, 1908.

J. W. Willson, G. M.

The Grand Master reports a good year :

The last Masonic year has been one of prosperity for the Craft in this Grand jurisdiction. The lodges, as a general rule, have been fortunate in having competent and zealous brothers in charge; most excellent work has been accomplished; many new lodges have been formed; and above all, peace and harmony have prevailed, not only between the several subordinate lodges, but, with few exceptions, among the individual brethren as well.

Seven new lodges were opened.

An edict of the Grand Master was approved, forbidding lodges to let any part of their building for saloon purposes.

The following report was adopted :

We recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee, to be known as the Masonic Home Site committee, and they be authorized to receive proposals and recommendations from lodges, and individuals, for a Masonic Home site. This committee to be instructed to report their findings and recommendations to the Grand Lodge at their discretion within three years.

We further recommend that the fund now known as the Charity Fund be hereafter designated as the Masonic Home Fund, and we finally recommend that five hundred dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the Masonic Home Fund.

The Grand Lodge finished all the business in two days, but hereafter three days are to be occupied, the following being adopted. We think it unwise to have a rigid rule in these matters. Do the work, and do it well, and then close :

Resolved, That the time given for the deliberations, and the consideration of the business presented, cover the space of three full days. .

This resolution to become effective upon the third Monday of October, 1909, and continue in force thereafter until changed or revoked by resolution of this Grand Lodge.

In his review of District of Columbia, Bro. James H. Wroth gives very valuable information as to Masonic conditions in Mexico:

Bro. Baird, in his criticisms on Valle de Mexico, expresses his surprise at the loss of 20 per cent. of the membership of that Grand Lodge.

There is simply a leaven working among Mexican Masons, which will probably account for this, and from information derived by personal enquiry among both Mexican and American members of that Grand Lodge, there is something doing, which has probably led many of the Mexican members away from the fold of Valle de Mexico.

Our Spanish brethren in political life, instead of organizing political clubs with a view to the future, and making their fight, if fight is necessary, in the open as do their Anglo-Saxon brethren, have the habit of organizing Masonic lodges, which disappear as soon as the necessity disappears. This certainly explains the number of defunct lodges which existed in the past absolutely upon paper alone.

In a report of this kind politics are not allowed. At the same time, there is, within the next two years, coming up within Mexico, a political question—somewhat of a silent, though decided, opposition between Church and State—and within the last year the ranks of very many of the purely Mexican lodges, not under the control of Valle de Mexico, have been largely increased, and it is the opinion of men on the ground, familiar with the subject, that this increase is almost entirely due to the fact that lodges have been revived or instituted by purely political motives, and that when the end is attained, or defeated, there will be a large number of semi-extinct lodges, existing by name only.

The control of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico, for the past four years, has been in the hands of conservative men, both Spanish and American, who have been working out pure Masonic ideas, and it becomes necessary for the American jurisdictions not to confuse the increased number of Masonic lodges in that Republic with any growth, or lack of growth, on the part of Valle de Mexico; but, in the event of visitation, it would be well to ascertain from the roster of lodges in good standing with that Grand Lodge if, or not, they are properly a part of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico.

Some years ago, a Grand Master of Texas came very near having insomnia over some of these paper lodges, which last an insignificant time, and disappear as soon as the reasons for their existence have passed away.

This trouble will probably continue to exist from time to time, and for that reason it behooves us to recognize but one Masonic authority within the Republic, and that recognition to exist just as long as they do true Masonic work.

Chester D. Stevens (Raton), G. M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Proceedings for the year ending June, 1908.

Lodges, 214, an increase of five; members, 12,570, an increase of 784.

After the installation of His Excellency the Governor of the State, Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, G.C.B., as Grand Master, on July 30th, 1907, he delivered the following address:

I must thank you, brethren, for the very high honor you have done me in reelecting me as your Grand Master. I am proud of it—proud and happy to think that you still have confidence in me, and I can assure you that I shall do all that I possibly can for the good of Freemasonry, and for our Grand Lodge in particular, during the coming year. (Applause.) The period of my service in the chair, I must confess, has not been a bed of roses. I have had a certain amount of trouble, and some very anxious thoughts, during the period I have held office as Grand Master. You all know of the difference between our Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, and that the difference took place before I was installed in the chair. Since then I have tried all I could to bring about harmony between these lodges. I thought and hoped that I was in a fair way of doing so, and had sent a proposition home, which, I think, if it had been accepted, would have been a basis to have brought that harmony about. But last November I received a telegram from the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, saying that the proposals were inadmissible. Well, I candidly confess I was rather hurt that after all the trouble I was to be shut up like that, and to a certain extent I lost my temper, and immediately answered: "As I cannot bring about harmony, propose resigning Grand Mastership."

On calmly thinking it over afterwards, and recognizing the state of Masonry in New South Wales, I felt that if I resigned it might cause friction, and might cause a certain amount of discredit to be attached to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. I therefore decided not to resign. (Loud and continued applause.) I am in a peculiar position, because I am Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and as such I am bound not to set myself against or act against its ruling. It is for that reason that I did not last year, and I have declined again this year, to attend the installation of the Grand Master-elect in Brisbane. But as far as the actions of Grand Lodge Officers are concerned, that is a different matter. Last November this Grand Lodge, by an overwhelming majority, refused to recede from the position it had taken up in granting recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland. I therefore authorized the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers of this Grand Lodge to attend that installation. I am sorry to say, in one way, that my so doing has brought me into personal trouble with the Grand Lodge of England. However, I see by the English Freemason, dated June 8th, that V. W. Bro. Strachan, Grand Registrar of England, stated that they hoped by-and-by everything would become right. (Applause.)

You know, brethren, I am continually saying in this Grand Lodge, that if everybody keeps quiet we shall soon get over our differences and bring about that harmony which we all so much wish for with the Grand Lodges at home. Freemasonry is not English only; it is universal (Applause.) And I can honestly say that I have conscientiously done everything I thought right, and thought would bring about harmony. (Applause.) I have endeavored to act up to that view, and I thank the brethren for having reelected me and thus shown their confidence in the course I have taken. I can assure you that I will do the best I can, not only for this Grand Lodge, but for the Craft itself, and that everything I can do to advance the interests of Freemasonry in New South Wales will be done. (Loud applause.)

The Grand Lodge Officers, past and present, presented to the Grand Master a Grand Master's Standard.

Distinguished visitors were present from all the Australasian Grand Lodges, including New Zealand and Queensland.

The new lodges are very appropriately preserving the aboriginal names, such as Wee Waa, Cessnock, Bangalow and Kurri-Kurri.

In September, 1907, £180 was voted to six hospitals.

In December a W. M. was admonished for instructing a P. M. to take the Chair in his absence, thus ignoring the immediate P. M.

A complaint was preferred by a Past Master of a city lodge against the Worshipful Master (in the chair) of that lodge, to the effect that the Worshipful Master (in the chair) had ruled out of order a motion, of which he had given notice, viz.: that the expenditure of the festive board be curtailed, on the ground that it was taking the management of the lodge out of the hands of the Worshipful Master. The Board upheld the appeal, but expressed regret that the complainant refused to accept the reasonable settlement offered him by the Worshipful Master (in the chair), and further directed his attention to clause 122, B. of C.

March 11. 1908.

Deep regrets were expressed for the loss of Bro. J. C. Remington, P. G. M., who died suddenly in the previous month, at the age of 58. He had been a tower of strength to the Grand Lodge, especially in the troublous times following its formation. At the conclusion of the Grand Master's remarks, Grand Lodge stood to order whilst the "Dead March" was played by the Grand Organist. A special tablet to the memory of Bro. Remington is to be placed in the Grand Lodge room.

The Masonic Convalescent Home at Camden had 15 brethren as inmates during the year, making a total of 196 who have taken advantage of this admirable institution since its formation in 1889.

The report on Correspondence is the work of five brethren. Bro. Thomas Green reviews our Proceedings of 1907. Bro. A. Wunderlich, in his notice of Alberta, quotes the remarks of the Grand Master on Sunday parades, and then very sensibly adds:

We concur in this expression of opinion, and go further, by saying that we consider it quite undesirable to give a public Masonic display at any time, the grave-side of a departed brother being the only possible exception.

Sir Harry Rawson (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK

127th Communication, New York, May 5, 1908.

Townsend Scudder, G. M.

The address is a very able and excellent one. Bro. Scudder has had no sinecure office. Judging from the multiplicity of matters with which he had to deal, all his time and energy must have been devoted to the Craft. He reports five new lodges. On Clandestine Masonry he says:

The report of the Judge Advocate covers the action which has been taken to give publicity to, and to frustrate, the efforts of clandestine bodies purporting to be Masonic. These steps have not been taken in recognition of any competition by them, for we do not consider competitors, but only that we may not be charged with their misrepresentations or held accountable for their offences. For the first time in many years our Grand Lodge is free from suits brought against it by clandestine bodies or men representing them, all such suits having been decided in favor of the Grand Lodge.

We have been in the past enjoined from interfering with the workings of such bodies by their invoking the aid of the courts to suspend the action of the statutes of the State prohibiting the very fraud which they were endeavoring to perpetrate, and we have been sued for damages for interfering with what they have characterized as their legitimate enterprise of making Masons. All such litigation has now been disposed of favorably to the Craft, and I recommend the payment of the expenses incurred, amounting to \$1,489.12, the bills for which have been referred to the Finance Committee.

I would, however, be remiss did I not warn the Craft that many have been deceived by the pretences of these clandestine bodies, and that now and then one of their members seeks admis-

sion to our lodges. It therefore behooves us to be vigilant in the admission of strangers. As the ringleaders of these clandestine movements now operate, their enterprise must, it would seem, return a fair profit. The general scheme is about as follows: A hall is hired and notices are sent out broadcast that a new lodge, the name of which is given, is to be formed, that Grand Lodge officers are to be present at this particular hall at a certain time, and inviting all who may desire to become charter members thereof, etc., to present themselves. Five dollars is charged, not as an initiation fee, but as dues. Some certificate of membership is given and a book purporting to contain the secrets of the Craft. The dupes are duly initiated, passed, and raised in one night, the doors of the hall are closed, and the alleged lodge starts in business somewhere else. How profitable is the enterprise will be appreciated when it is recognized that twenty-five dollars may cover the outlay of a single evening, and that fifty applicants at five dollars apiece leave sufficient margin for a very comfortable profit on the night's work. The fraud perpetrated characterizes itself, and none but the very foolish would be misled by it, and only so far as it is fraudulent have we any concern therein. Nevertheless, we cannot be passive, lest there be imputed to us the sins and deceptions which are practised by these men under the guise of Masonry.

In his review of the work of the Utica Home, Bro. Scudder returns to the question of the children, and his remarks are worthy of careful attention by those in charge of such institutions, and all who are interested in them:

In discussing this subject, I desire at the very outset to disavow the contention advanced that the great work of our Fraternity is the care of the indigent. Our efforts in this direction, and their quality and wisdom, may affect the judgment in which we are held by the world, but it is recognized by thoughtful men that the care each year of something over three hundred inmates at our Home of itself is hardly an accomplishment sufficient to justify the corporate existence of one hundred and fifty-two thousand men, subdivided into seven hundred and seventy-nine lodges spread over our State. Our charitable work, near and dear to our hearts as it is, is but an incident of our mission. The Craft is engaged in a work of advancement, the virtue of which is not open to calculation or to measurement; not so the charitable work we have undertaken, for to it we have invited the gaze of the world, that all who have eyes to see may see. The world will not form its impressions of us by our boasts and our pretensions, but by such of our work as it is permitted to view. Therefore is it fitting that we weigh well the manner in which we are meeting our responsibilities to those whose care we have assumed, not alone as a voluntary labor of love, but in compliance with the terms of our contract with the State of New York, to devote to charity our surplus revenues in exchange for its exemptions of our properties from the burdens of taxation.

As I have said, during the fifteen years since our Home opened, it has cost the Fraternity for maintenance, including small repairs, the sum of \$963,129.22; it has housed 843 inmates, and 490 have

died within its walls. Of the inmates, 157 have been children. It shelters now 341 members, of which 80 are children. For the care bestowed upon, and the comfort given to, the old people committed to our care, our work is not open to valid criticism, and many of these charges, from the standpoint of physical comfort, are perhaps to-day better off than they ever have been. To these the Home is indeed a place of rest, and, we hope, of happiness.

With regard to our efforts in behalf of our children, our work has not been a success, and figures become of interest, because they bring home to us, without need of characterization, what we have done.

Of the 157 children over whom we have assumed responsibility, and for whom we are answerable, 77 have left the Home. Of this number

There were graduated.....	37
There were withdrawn by their mothers.....	23
There were expelled by us.....	15
There has died.....	1
There has been sent to the Craig Colony.....	1

Of the children expelled, 1 was between 4 and 5 years of age; 1 was between 7 and 8 years of age; 4 were between 10 and 11 years of age; 3 were between 11 and 12 years of age; 1 was between 12 and 13 years of age; 4 were between 13 and 14 years of age; 1 was between 14 and 15 years of age.

These expelled children cost us while at the Home about \$9,000, and the length of their average sojourn in the Home was two years and one month.

The grounds for the expulsion from the Home of two of these children are not given in the record: one child, aged 13 years and 10 months, was expelled because he was "vile," and twelve for mischief.

As an example of this mischief which baffled our resources, let me instance the case of three boys, aged respectively 11 years 7 months, 11 years 3 months, and 10 years 9 months, whose childish fancy, fired by stories of the West, impelled them one day to take several blankets, board a hand-car standing on the West Shore railroad tracks, opposite the Home, and depart for the West to shoot bears and Indians.

The police were notified, these mighty hunters and warriors captured, returned to the Home, and, instead of being spanked and put to bed in the good old wholesome way, were solemnly expelled. What a picture! What a confession of failure on our part! The two older boys are now caring for themselves. The youngest writes that the world has "treated him bum, and he is a bum." We were a part of that boy's world. He came to us at the age of seven, and was with us nearly four years.

After hearing this statement, I ask the Craft this question: "Do you consider that our responsibilities to these young souls terminate upon their departure from the Home?"

In the past we seem to have answered "Yes." That one child out of every nine children admitted to the Home, or 12 per cent. of our orphans up to two years ago, were expelled from the Home

is sufficient answer to the criticisms of those who argue that the duties of Grand Master do not extend to the Home. If they did not, it was high time they were made to so extend, even under present conditions, which are so great an improvement on those that were tolerated in the past as to make the Home almost unrecognizable as the institution of a little time ago.

The fact that of our seven boys who are doing well, three were expelled; that of the ten who are making their way, six were expelled; and that of the eighteen we have not located, five were expelled, is an eloquent commentary on our work. I am pleased to report that no children have been expelled from the Home during my term as Grand Master.

In my address last year I called attention to the fact that there existed, up to that year, no record showing what had become of those of our children subsequent to their departure from the Home. Such a condition no longer exists. During the past year we have instituted, and are pursuing, a thorough search for our lost children, the result of which I give you:

Girls

One is married badly.
Two are married happily.
Five are doing fairly well.
Three are not doing well.
Two have gone to the bad.
Eight have not yet been located.
One is dead.

Boys

Seven are doing well.
Ten are making their way.
Eighteen are not doing well.
Two have gone to the bad.
Ten have not yet been located.
Four are dead.
Four are attending school.

It is computed that these children have cost the Fraternity, for their lodging, clothing, and such education as we gave them, something over \$67,000.

It will cost us to care for the children now in the Home, assuming even that we do no better by them than by their predecessors, \$105,714, if there are no expulsions or withdrawals before they are graduated. Is this money to be expended, and then, from negligence, indifference, callousness, call it what you will, are our charges to show no better record than heretofore? If this happens, it will be to the everlasting disgrace of the Fraternity.

We blush with shame at the impotency of our great Fraternity to cope with, meet, curb, inspire, and direct along the paths leading to success and happiness and life, the abundant vitality of these small boys, whose natural tendency, whose spirit which produced this same mischief, was an asset capable of development into the best manhood, and was so little recognized that we, baffled by their childish impulses, sent them out into the world to work out its problems for themselves.

Nor can the Fraternity find cause for congratulation that out of the seventy-seven children it has turned out, eighteen still remain unaccounted for, and of the entire number not more than nine can be said to be doing well. During the year I have made it a point to visit the Home at irregular intervals, and without announcing my coming, and have been through the institution from top to bottom before making my presence known at the office, to the end that I might see it in its daily work, and not when prepared for inspection. A study of the institution, which began

when I was Deputy Grand Master, under similar circumstances, has convinced me that, as far as our children are concerned, even with the improved conditions which to-day exist, our system is still but primitive, and is lacking in many respects in the up-to-dateness which should prevail in every first-class educational institution.

True, those of our children who have been able to take their places in the classes of the public schools of Utica are now rendering a good account of themselves there.

We have also installed a domestic science plant for the instruction of the girls in house duties; a manual training plant, all too primitive in its nature, but still a step in the right direction, in which we are endeavoring to instruct not only our boys, but our girls as well, in the deft use of their hands and in manly and womanly arts, a proficiency in which qualifies the child to face the problems of life and conquer its difficulties.

We have, furthermore, installed a school of telegraphy and a school of stenography. We are instructing our girls to make their own clothes, and they are actually making them, and to trim their hats. Our children are instructed in agricultural knowledge, and the mysteries of plant life are being revealed to them.

All this marks the progress of two years, yet I am not satisfied with it. I feel that, however much has been done in the short time allotted, this educational feature of our work is still in its inception, and we must persevere until we have developed it to its maximum of efficiency and made it a model of its kind. On behalf of the Fraternity, I desire to make grateful acknowledgment of the splendid service rendered by Bro. William J. Wiley during the brief period he has been in charge of the Home. To his tireless efforts and intelligence are largely due the great advance made and the improved conditions existing.

I confess that of all the administrative or business enterprises of our Grand Lodge, I am most interested in our child problem. We all recognize the great responsibility our Fraternity has assumed in making itself sponsor for the lives of the little ones committed to our care. That the old system has proved itself lacking in efficiency, that it broke down under its load of red tape and restriction, is demonstrated by the failures that have overtaken us in our past efforts to fit for the responsibilities of the world the seventy-seven children whom we have launched into the battle of life.

We have now eighty children under our care.

What shall we do with them when they shall have reached that period when they must begin to look out for themselves, and when we can no longer provide for and control them?

The orphan committed to our care looks to us as the child looks to its parent, and it has the right to do so. We stand in the place of the parent. What parent is worthy of the name and honor of parenthood who dismisses its child at the age of sixteen and sends it forth to success or failure without further heed to its future?

When I called the attention of the Craft last year to the fact that we had no record to show what had become of our children graduated from the Home, and that we had not kept in touch

with them, my purpose in thus speaking was to stimulate the lodges which had committed children to the Home, and which, under the rules, should have received notice of their departure from the Home, to institute a search for these children and advise us of the whereabouts of those whom they should locate, that we might be enabled to follow them, with the view to encouraging them and helping them in the struggle of life, if there be need therefor.

Six months after the session of the Grand Lodge, there was addressed to every lodge which had sent us a child an enquiry as to the whereabouts of such child as had left the Home.

Only eleven lodges out of the total number which had sent us these seventy-seven children were able to give any information of their whereabouts. The information since obtained has been the result of independent effort. The record of the graduated children establishes the fact that a better system must be adopted for the future.

I do not blame the lodges. It was, under the conditions which existed, inevitable that that which has happened should happen, and unless we adopt some such system as I shall hereafter suggest, will, in all likelihood, occur again.

When the time comes for a child, sent by a lodge to the Home at the age of, say, two or three years, and remaining there ten or twelve, to leave the Home, its father has, from lapse of time, become but a memory to the brethren of his lodge, his very name, perhaps, almost forgotten, and the welfare of the child has ceased to be a matter of personal interest to the brethren. Their erst-while friendship for the father has been lost sight of in the hurly-burly of life, and such interest as is taken in the child springs solely from a sense of duty. At first, perhaps, a situation is found for it, it is helped to pay its way, to buy clothes, but all too soon it drifts away into obscurity and is swallowed up in the maelstrom of life.

How we can guard against the result, due to our failure in our proper duty, is the problem before us. I believe that the lodges, having delegated to the Grand Lodge the control of our organized charities, should likewise provide adequate means wherewith to discharge this responsibility up to the time when the child can provide for itself in an honorable calling, or until the time when, despite our best efforts, it has, from its own worthlessness, sunk to a depth from which its rescue is hopeless. I think that we should consider the opening of a Post-Graduate Home—that is to say, a Home located near an important labor market, where the child which has reached an age when it should no longer be housed with the little ones may go, and where, after finding employment, it may continue to live upon paying for the food and lodging it receives, in proportion to its earnings; a Home presided over by one possessed of the genius to stand in place of mother and father to the orphan, in the stead of the big brother as well, to encourage the down-hearted and assist the weak; a Home attractive in its furnishings and surroundings; a Home to which a child of ours, an applicant for employment, can point and say, "That is my home." It is within our common experience that the child cast adrift has a harder problem before it than the one which lives with father and mother. The girl who, responding to an advertisement,

answers the question, "Where do you live?" with the reply, "I board," is viewed with suspicion, and the same is true of a boy.

Through the mind of the would-be employer runs the thought that the applicant may have been without good moral influence to guide him through the years when character is formed and guidance needed. It is the lack of such an adjunct to our work that has produced, in my judgment, the failures which have marked our efforts in the past. If such a Home be opened, its work will be in the beginning experimental, but we know that it can be made such a success as fully to justify the Fraternity in the expense which it entails.

Before the need to which I have just referred had impressed itself upon us, M. W. Frank Hurd Robinson urged the Fraternity to recognize the memory of Past Grand Master Daniel D. Tompkins, and in grateful appreciation of the services he had rendered as a patriot and Mason, to erect a monument to his memory. The desire of Grand Master Robinson to locate this monument in City Hall Square was frustrated through the refusal of the Arts Commission to place it there, and the assurances that the city would be ready to contribute towards such a monument thus located a sum equal to that donated by the Fraternity were not realized, because of the failure to obtain the consent of the body having jurisdiction in the premises.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the opinion was expressed by the Grand Lodge that money raised for the purpose specified above might be used as the nucleus of a fund for the erection of an orphanage quite apart in every respect from the Utica Home, where are housed the aged committed to our care, that our children, who should have before them inspiration for success, might be removed from close contact with failure. We all appreciate, of course, that moneys donated for a specific object cannot be appropriated for any other purpose except with the consent of the donors, and I had hoped that this expression of opinion by our Grand Lodge would result in a flood of consents to apply the funds to the purpose suggested. While many have signified their willingness, there have been, nevertheless, some protests, and I determined to postpone further activity in this direction until I could submit to the Fraternity for its consideration the question of this Post-Graduate Home, having for its object the saving, as far as possible, of the children we have already launched, and the assuring of greater probability of success in life to those whom we may hereafter send forth into the world. If this project meets with the approval of the Grand Lodge, steps can be taken to communicate with those who contributed to the Tompkins Fund, and a Tompkins Memorial can be founded, which shall be a more impressive recognition of the life and services of Daniel D. Tompkins than could be any monument of stone or bronze.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the custodian of the Daniel D. Tompkins Monument Fund be authorized, with the approval of this Grand Lodge, to communicate with the donors of the fund, with a view to the obtaining of their consent to the application of said fund to the acquisition and founding of an orphanage home to be known as the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial, and if such consent be obtained the fund be thus applied.

Resolved, That the question of the establishment of a post-graduate home for our orphan children be referred to the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, with full power.

Resolved, That the balance of the California Relief Fund be turned over to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, and that so much thereof as may not be demanded back by those lodges or brethren who contributed to said fund be applied to the benefit of our orphans.

Alberta and Saskatchewan were recognized.

A revised Constitution was submitted, to be acted on next year. The title page is devoted to our beliefs:

MASONIC CREED

There is one God and Father of all men.

The Holy Bible is a Divine Revelation, the rule and Guide for faith and practice.

Man is immortal.

Character determines destiny.

Man's love of man is, next to love of God, man's first duty.

Prayer, communion of man with God, is helpful.

MASONIC TEACHING

Masonry teaches man the practice of charity and benevolence, to protect chastity, to respect the ties of blood and friendship, to adopt the principles, and reverence the sacraments, of religion, assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the downtrodden, shelter the orphan, guard the altar, support the government, encourage wisdom, inculcate morality, promote learning, love man, fear God, implore His mercy, and hope for happiness and immortality.

The report on Correspondence by Bro. William Sherer was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings, but our copy does not contain it.

S. Nelson Sawyer (Palmyra), G. M.

E. M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND

19th Communication, Auckland, May 6, 1908.

Lord Plunket, G. M.

The proposed conference of the Australasian Grand Lodges cannot yet be held. The divergent views as to Queensland, and the attitude of the Grand Lodge of England, have raised a barrier to any united action at present. On the other important questions the Board of General Purposes reported as follows:

9.—Negotiations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Shortly after last Annual Communication the Board appointed a committee to go into the report of the negotiations of R. W.

Bro. The Hon. Geo. Fowlds with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and more particularly to give careful consideration to the Amended Articles of Agreement submitted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland as the terms of recognition. This committee has held several meetings, and has been reluctantly compelled to report to the Board that the proposed Articles require further amendment before Grand Lodge could be advised to accept them.

It has therefore been decided to resume correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with the view of getting an adjustment of the remaining points of difference.

There are indications of a disposition on the part of Scotland to regard the matter from a broader point of view, and we hope that next report to Grand Lodge will announce a settlement of this long-standing dispute.

10.—Revival of Dormant English Lodges in Auckland.

In pursuance of the course suggested by the Board last year (and approved by Grand Lodge) for a settlement of the trouble in Auckland connected with the revival by the District Grand Lodge, E.C., of Lodges Te Awamutu and Franklin, correspondence with the District Grand Lodge has resulted in our accepting from them a list of lodges in that district under the Grand Lodge of England, which includes Lodges Te Awamutu and Franklin, and we have received an assurance from the District Grand Lodge that there are no other lodges in Auckland now dormant which formerly worked under charters from the Grand Lodge of England, and which are capable of being revived.

This is an end of the trouble so far as Auckland District is concerned, and there should be now no difficulty in getting a similar assurance from the Grand Lodge of England as regards the rest of the territory.

11.—English Lodges seeking to come under the Territorial Grand Lodge.

It will be remembered that last year we reported that, contrary to expectation and apparently against all reason, the Grand Lodge of England had refused to allow Phoenix Lodge (Westport) to take a deciding vote on the question of transfer of allegiance.

Hopes were then expressed by us that proper representations and fuller explanation of the position would induce the English authorities to view in a fairer light the general principle at the root of the matter, and that other applications of a similar nature would be treated more in accordance with the spirit of the agreement under which England recognized our territorial rights in 1898, and which agreement it was confidently anticipated would "form the basis of enduring and honorable relations between the two Grand Sovereign Lodges."

Our attitude towards the Grand Lodge of England and the lodges in our territory which are still working under charters from that Grand Lodge continues unchanged. So long as those lodges prefer to remain under England, we respect their wish and make no endeavor to shake their allegiance; but we are firmly convinced that the gradual absorption of all lodges into the territorial Grand Lodge is only a question of time.

We know that the Grand Lodge of England exists only to promote "the good of the Craft," and seeks no other end. We are therefore grieved to find it standing in the way of progress, and creating difficulties in the bringing about of that unity which is necessary to enable Freemasonry in this Dominion of Empire to completely fulfil its highest destiny, and accomplish its best work.

All we ask is that English lodges working in New Zealand shall be allowed to decide for themselves whether they will remain under England or transfer to New Zealand, and we are quite content that a two-thirds majority shall be necessary to effect the transfer.

This is the spirit and intention of our agreement with England, and we cannot believe that the parent Grand Lodge will deliberately depart from it.

Since our last report, however, an application from Canterbury Lodge, No. 1048, E.C., for permission to take a deciding vote, has met with a refusal, and we regret to say that, judging by their utterances, some of the authorities in England appear to be imbued with idea that those who are favorable to transferring the lodge are "influenced by mercenary and unworthy motives"; in fact, that a desire to obtain possession of the property is the main object in view.

It should be quite unnecessary to scout such an idea, but as it has been given expression to on more than one occasion, we deem it our duty to protest against such an imputation as absurd and utterly groundless. That the suggestion should be seriously entertained by the advisers of the Grand Lodge of England only proves how little they realize the true position of Masonic affairs in New Zealand.

Resolutions in favor of obtaining statutory permission to decide the question of transfer have also been passed by other English lodges in Canterbury district, with what result we know not, but surely our brethren in London will soon be convinced that they cannot much longer stem the tide of progress, and that the inevitable must be accepted.

The M. W. the Grand Master is in correspondence with our representative near the Grand Lodge of England, R. W. Bro. the Earl of Onslow, on this subject of transfer of lodges, and we have strong hopes that freedom of action will be granted to English lodges in the near future, for our faith in England's justice is still unshaken.

Eight new lodges were opened. They have now 152 lodges, with 9,238 members.

At the installation ceremony we are pleased to notice that the Provincial Grand Masters of England, Scotland and Ireland were all present, and also a representative from New South Wales.

In his address after the Installation, the Grand Master said:

And now, if I have not wearied you, I should like to say a few words regarding the subject of our relations with other Constitutions in New Zealand. Year after year an exasperating position

has presented itself; always leading to a deplorable detriment of the Craft in the outsider's eyes; always to misunderstandings and recriminations among ourselves. It is with deep satisfaction I am able to record that for the moment, at any rate, we are at peace, and, more than that, on a more really fraternal mutual understanding than we have been for many years past. Long may it continue.

Our lengthy correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and R. W. Bro. Fowlds' interview with them, leads us to hope that we are beginning to see better eye to eye. As to England, a satisfactory compromise has in Auckland brought us together again, and I am in hopes that a similar arrangement may be made throughout New Zealand. Regarding English lodges which desire to join our Constitution we are still in considerable difficulties, but I am in constant correspondence with our representative, Lord Onslow, who is placing our position before their Grand Lodge, and I hope we may soon obtain a definite statement as to the circumstances under which they will permit a lodge to raise or reintroduce the question of transference—a subject which has caused much misapprehension and bitterness. Regarding Ireland, my mother Grand Lodge, I can proudly state we remain as we always have been, on the best and most friendly terms.

The title of the office of Grand Superintendent was changed to that of District Grand Master.

Grand Lodge decided to have reports on Correspondence, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Malcolm Niccol, P. G. M., was entrusted with the duty. His initial effort is very good indeed. His comments indicate a wide knowledge of Masonic matters, and his extracts show fine discrimination. In his review of British Columbia he states their refusal to recognize the Valle de Mexico, and then adds:

One cannot help feeling saddened by the reflection that our parent Grand Lodges of England and Scotland extended official recognition to this doubtfully conceived body of evil reputation, presumably because neither Grand Lodge had any interest in the territory; indeed, the Grand Registrar of England breezily announced that fact in justification of the step. Does not this indicate deplorable blindness or indifference to the responsibilities attaching to the high position occupied by the "Mother Grand Lodge"?

And may we not logically deduce that self-interest has largely influenced the policy of England and Scotland in regard to Queensland, Western Australia and New Zealand?

Several quotations are made from our Proceedings of 1907.

On the large lodges of Illinois, some of them having over 500 members, Bro. Niccol very sensibly says:

What strikes us forcibly is that in these very large lodges a man might be ten years a member without becoming personally known to the brethren of his own lodge; we are of opinion that

close personal friendship should exist between the members of a lodge, that there should be thorough sympathy, born of mutual knowledge and regard, running through the institution, and that each member should be able to interest himself in the affairs of his fellows. Then the prospects of getting into office in these large lodges are very remote, and we cannot ignore the fact that most men have the ambition to "rise to eminence." Our experience strongly convinces us that a lodge with about one hundred members presents ideal conditions for capable handling and the maximum of success.

There are now only four Irish lodges in New Zealand. Scotland claims 14 lodges there, but several of these are dormant, if not defunct.

Bro. Niccol puts very clearly the question of the recognition of non-independent Grand bodies:

In many countries the Scottish Rite is said to be a political factor. This, it is asserted, is especially so in Catholic countries, and considering the unsettled political conditions prevailing in places where the rite is dominant, it seems to me that it would be unwise to recognize or affiliate with Masons hailing from these countries, for that would be, in effect, an approval, perhaps indirect, of what such Masonic bodies stand for, and we have nothing whatever to do with either the religion or politics of any country. But the greatest, and, it seems to me, an insuperable objection, lies in the fact that we believe in Supreme Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, and in many, if not all, of these Scottish Rite Jurisdictions, there have been attempts by our Masonic brothers to establish independent and supreme Grand Lodges. In some they have succeeded, and when it has been made plain that they are independent they have been recognized. In others they have failed, but the work will go on. This movement is a step in the direction of universal Masonry, to the end that brethren of Ancient Craft Masonry may fraternize and affiliate wheresoever dispersed. They are fighting, advancing to our lines, and for us to say now, when the battle is on, that we will recognize and affiliate with Masons from Scottish Rite Jurisdictions would destroy every inducement and incentive on the part of those there domiciled to establish independent lodges and Sovereign Grand Lodges for the real purpose of such independence.

His Excellency Lord Plunket, G. M.

Malcolm Niccol (Auckland), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA

121st Communication, Raleigh, Jan. 14th, 1908.

Francis D. Winston, G. M.

The Grand Master, in his address, interesting from its lucidity, comments on the prosperity of the Order, and has the following remarks anent the request of the Croatan Indians to be admitted to Masonry:

In this growth of Masonry in the State comes frequent requests from the Croatan Indians to be made Masons. They proceed on the idea that the Grand Master can set up and institute a lodge peculiarly for them. To these requests I have replied that the only way to test whether they are qualified is by application to the nearest lodge, and that their fitness and qualifications could then be brought to the deciding power for his opinion. They occupy a unique position in the history of North Carolina. Possibly they perpetuate the touching of the first keel on the sand shore of our State. Their traditions and localism certainly trace to the dawn of Anglo-Saxon life on Roanoke Island. It is not in the power of this Fraternity to set apart lodges for any race. Masonry is universal, and its votary must be qualified by birth, by race, by character and physical perfection to join any lodge anywhere.

We find a good example in a resolution of the committee on the Grand Master's address, that might, with profit, be copied by other jurisdictions:

We concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master, that a committee be appointed to collect and preserve Masonic antiquities and decorations that may be scattered through the State, and recommend that said committee shall be composed of the Historian of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Librarian.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was accorded recognition, but this was denied to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the Grand Orient of Greece.

Bro. John A. Collins, in his excellent report on Correspondence, gives three pages to an account of our Proceedings for 1907, and refers to the address of Grand Master Burritt as "an excellent presentation of the affairs of Grand Lodge, told in clear-cut, forcible English."

In his review of Queensland we find the following:

The opposition of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, the correspondence growing out of the matter, and the arguments pro and con, occupy much of the space of the volume. Personally, we believe that this young Grand Lodge has pursued the proper course in establishing its own home, and we believe the parent Grand Lodges of the British Isles will after a while become reconciled to the movement of the Queensland brethren.

Samuel M. Gattis (Hillsboro), G. M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA

122nd Communication, Raleigh, Jan. 12, 1909.

Samuel M. Gattis, G. M.

The Grand Master congratulates the Grand Lodge on the completion of their magnificent Temple,

“splendidly equipped, an ornament to the city and a credit to the Fraternity. He then says:

This is an age of progress. In every department of human endeavor much is being done. We are only in the first decade of a new century which seems destined to outstrip the last in its wonderful achievements—in science, in art, in inventions and in the accomplishment of great purposes. Our own State is making rapid strides in material advancement, in wealth, in education. Masonry must keep step with this onward march. It is our mission to continue the good work of our predecessors in quickening the consciences of men and arousing them to a better realization of the moral forces that go to build character. The possibilities for the practical application of the cardinal principles of Masonry are ever increasing. Freemasonry stands to-day as the very antipode of selfishness and greed. In the mad rush for gain Masonry points to the higher things that make human beings happier and better. Unless we in a great measure fulfil this noble mission, in aiding the unfortunate, in cheering the faint-hearted, in lending the helping hand to the fallen, and in ministering to the sick and afflicted, in training the orphans, and caring for the indigent and infirm our Order will not hold the high rank it should have among the great forces working for the betterment of humanity.

I am proud to say that Masonry in this jurisdiction is striving nobly to live up to its opportunities. Much has already been done by our Order to alleviate human suffering and to give every living being an equal chance in life. Much remains to be done. It is our duty to see to it that no false move is made or backward step taken, and while as Free and Accepted Masons we work no longer in stone and mortar, as did our ancient brethren, yet we must strive to build our characters on the solid rock of truth and right living.

Masonry in this State is steadily growing in usefulness and numbers. The returns of the Subordinate Lodges show a total enrollment of about nineteen thousand members. In a great many communities the lodges are live and active. The young Masons are enthusiastic and the older brethren are directing this vigorous enthusiasm in proper channels for the accomplishment of the greatest good. With a few exceptions, peace reigns among the Craft, and the blessings of Heaven seem to rest upon the Fraternity throughout this entire Grand jurisdiction.

On the Oxford Orphan Asylum Bro. Gattis is eloquent:

This splendid institution continues to perform the great work for which it was designed. It is deservedly ranked in the forefront of all similar establishments in the South. It is termed by sister jurisdictions the “pet of North Carolina Masonry.” We are proud to admit it to be such. No matter what other charitable or benevolent work the Grand Lodge of North Carolina may undertake, the Orphan Asylum will ever have first place in the hearts of the Fraternity. The care and protection of its youth, and the fitting of young boys and girls for the duties and responsibilities of life, will ever be regarded as a sacred duty by an enlightened community. It has been, and now is, the design and purpose of those in charge of the Oxford Orphan Asylum to rescue the bereaved

and unfortunate children of the State from poverty-stricken and immoral surroundings and train them for the high duties of Christian citizenship. I know of no truer test of the prevalence of the spirit of brotherly love than the fidelity and devotion of the Masons of North Carolina to their Orphan Asylum. More than three thousand children have been trained at this institution for the higher duties of life. To-day three hundred and fifty boys and girls, under its protecting ægis, are receiving at the hands of a faithful corps of teachers the training and instruction of body, mind and soul necessary to better equip them for useful manhood and womanhood.

The new Temple was formally dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. Its total cost appears to have been about \$265,000, of which \$96,000 is unpaid. Energetic efforts are to be made at once to extinguish this debt, and as soon as this is done all the revenue from the building is to be devoted to charitable purposes. It is believed that a considerable sum will be netted each year.

The per capita tax was increased from 75 cents to 90 cents.

Bro. John A. Collins presented an excellent report on Correspondence. In his review of our Proceedings of 1908 he says:

We had marked an extract from the report of District Deputy of District No. 13 in reference to the importance of taking steps to impose discipline upon the brethren who are apt to be lax in the observance of the Masonic obligations, but we have quoted so much that we are forced to leave it off.

It is very pleasant to find in the report of the Board of Benevolence that \$28,291.30 were disbursed during the year, and that the recipients were at liberty to go when they pleased, where they pleased, and not be forced to return to a "Home" on the stroke of the clock. These beneficiaries retain their self-respect and the privilege of living among their kindred and the friends that they have known, perhaps, all their lives.

Samuel M. Gattis (Hillsboro), G. M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA

19th Communication, Fargo, June 30, 1908.

John Riessbeck, G. M.

All of his outside duties appear to have been performed by proxy. On the state of the Craft he says:

The past year has been a prosperous one for Ancient Craft Masonry in this Grand jurisdiction, and the extension of Masonic Light has kept pace with the material development of this great

commonwealth. In a little more than a decade, the number of lodges in this State has nearly doubled. In 1897, when I first attended the communication of the Grand Lodge, there were forty-six chartered lodges, while at the present time there are eighty-two in this Grand jurisdiction, and seven lodges under dispensation.

Saskatchewan was recognized.

On the subject of Masonic Homes we can endorse the remarks of Bro. Frank J. Thompson on his own report. We have perused it with interest. Besides Homes, he takes up Masonic Educational Institutions and Cognate Charities, giving a mass of information not elsewhere to be found so well collected and arranged:

After two years of grind, we have succeeded in finishing our report on Masonic Homes, which we were directed to make in 1906. The report being so extensive, and of so much importance to this Grand Lodge, it was deemed expedient to have a sufficient number of copies printed for distribution to the delegates. The copies will be distributed in due time, and we hope that every delegate will carefully read the report, so that, if the proposition of establishing a Masonic Home comes before the Grand Lodge, each one may vote intelligently upon the same.

The report, while contained in comparatively few pages, is the essence of a vast amount of correspondence and labor dug out from a mountain of literature and letters on this subject. We feel free to say that it is the most complete and most accurate report upon Masonic charity that we have been able to find; and the data contained therein are too valuable to be lost in the report of the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge.

The idea of building a Home in North Dakota was abandoned, the following report being adopted: We think that the committee were right in their conclusions:

Your committee on Masonic Home would beg leave to report as follows:

First—That the fund now known as the Masonic Home Fund be hereafter known as the Masonic Relief Fund, and that the raising of said fund be continued as is now done.

Second—That this Masonic Relief Fund be made immediately available under conditions hereafter prescribed.

Third—That the Masonic Relief Fund be placed in charge of a Board of Trustees, consisting of three members, to be appointed by the Grand Master, and he shall appoint all three at this session of the Grand Lodge, who shall hold office as follows: The first one named to hold office three years; the second, two years; and the third, one year.

Fourth—The Masonic Relief Fund shall be used for the following purposes, and no others:

To relieve individual cases of want of a brother, or those dependent upon him, after the particular lodge of which he may be a member has exhausted its resources, and is no longer able to extend further aid.

It is the opinion of your committee that the establishment of a Masonic Home, if attempted at all, should only be by Grand Lodges larger than our Grand Lodge will be for many, many years to come; that it is doubtful if the dispensation of charity through a Masonic Home is practical or even expedient; that under the present system of accumulating funds, the founding of a Home for this Grand jurisdiction is so far in the future that the present generation will never see it, and, in the meantime the money accrued for that purpose would be idle wealth, and from which no one would receive benefits. With the fund available through trustees, relief can at once be extended where it is required, and our charities be now and with us, rather than in the generations to come, and the unfortunates of the present not famish because we desire to relieve some one in the future.

Your committee believe that the thanks of this Grand Lodge is due to M. W. Bro. Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary, for his very complete and exhaustive report on Masonic Homes and Cognate Charities. His report contains such a wealth of facts that it should not be buried in our Proceedings, but be printed and placed where it may be accessible, not only to Masons, but to the world at large.

We, therefore, recommend that the sum of \$100, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated from the general funds of this Grand Lodge to pay for the report as printed and circulated among the delegates present, and to print and bind in suitable form an edition to be distributed under the direction of the Grand Secretary.

It was decided to provide annually a fine medal, or prize, to be known as the "Masonic Grand Lodge Medal," to be given to the winner of the State Intercollegiate oratorical contest. This contest is had only between those colleges of the State University whose students have been successful after a series of elimination through previous contests. The medal is to cost not more than \$75 nor less than \$50.

The feature of this volume is the elaborate report of the Grand Secretary. It deals with matters of general interest, but is particularly rich in suggestion and plans for improving the working of the lodges in transacting their business. Among other things, he recommended a Convention of Lodge Secretaries, which was afterwards carried out very successfully. On the Library, he says:

As a parent's heart swells with pride when he sees the child of his blood growing in promise toward the hope the parent has set, so we feel when our Masonic Library is the theme. You are here and will see what we have. In the use of the pronoun "we," it

is not meant the editorial "we," but you all, for each member of a lodge in this Grand jurisdiction is, as it were, a partner and owner in our library, none more, none less, and all share and share alike.

It is not in the number of volumes that we take so much pride as it is in the kind and quality of the books we possess. We have striven not for the general library, such as is found in the public libraries, but for the specialized library along the lines, so far as it is possible, of those things which are Masonic. Masonry is a broad institution. It stands not upon one foundation stone, nor rests with one nation, nor with one age, nor with one religion. It is as broad as the earth, as deep as the sea of time, and as high as the crest of civilization. It has gathered into its bosom the thoughts of nations which colored the civilizations of the past; and it reaches into the corners of human thought that the superficial may not know. Seeing the depth, and breadth, and height of our institution, we appreciate the literature that covers its history, and the written thoughts that have moulded mankind. Masonry is more diverse than one ordinarily thinks, and therefore Masonic literature in its broadest term covers many fields of human thought and human acts.

During the past year 206 volumes upon miscellaneous subjects have been purchased, and are classified under our extension of the Dewey Decimal system. In addition to these, 138 volumes of bound Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Com-manderies and Grand Councils have been added. Proceedings of these Grand bodies are not classified, but are arranged on the shelves according to Grand body and year.

We trust that the members of the Grand Lodge will take advantage of the opportunity to visit the library, and that each brother, when there, will feel that it belongs to him as much as to any one else.

Our curio department is entirely the result of persistent solicitation, or begging, if we may call it, on the part of your Librarian. Seeing what we have may stimulate some of the brothers who have an old curio tucked away in some obscure corner of his house to bring it forth and place it where it may be seen. One curio is not always interesting, but a collection of curios is always interesting. Bear this in mind, and maybe the collection can be increased. This, you see, brothers, is begging, and you may expect the same thing so long as we are Librarian. So don't try to hide any curio you may have under a bushel, but bring it out into the light, so that all may see and enjoy it among its fellows.

Sylvester J. Hill (Fargo), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA

43rd Communication, Yarmouth, June 10, 1908.

Charles R. Smith, G. M.

They are making substantial progress, both numerically and financially, and the greatest harmony prevails. Bro. Smith also says:

It has been said that "it is a sign of old age to be reminiscent." But even at the risk of having that possible axiom applied, I cannot refrain from turning back a few pages in our Masonic history in this jurisdiction. It was in the year 1891 that Grand Lodge last met in Yarmouth. At that time, while quite true that Masonry was making some progress, our total membership was only 2,904. Since that, not by leaps and bounds, it is true, but by solid and satisfactory additions, our Order has increased so that on the 31st of March last, the end of the present Masonic year, we had an active membership of 5,363, a gain of 343, the largest for any one year in our history, over the year 1907, which showed an increase of 316 over the previous year, 1906. To the brethren of large jurisdictions, with their hundreds of thousands, or possibly millions of population, this increase would not be considered at all marked, but in this little Province, with less than half a million of population all told, and with very many of these looking askance at our Institution, which, as a powerful force for good, should have their highest respect and admiration, our progress has been eminently satisfactory and affords evidence of good and zealous work. At the same time, Freemasonry is not an organization which boasts of numbers or popularity. It has no desire to increase its membership in order that it may crow over, or compare favorably with, other societies, fraternal and otherwise. These things do not count in our desire for larger membership and increase of numbers. No, it is only because we, as Masons, are firmly convinced that Freemasonry does, or should, make men better fitted to discharge their duties here, and, living according to the tenets of the Institution, better prepared to meet the great hereafter, that we welcome accessions to our ranks and are pleased at our satisfactory growth.

The Grand Master decided that a Jewish Rabbi was a "minister of the Gospel." This rather upset us, but it appears that they have a regulation allowing rebates on initiation fees to ministers, and because the rabbi was authorized by law to marry people, the G.M. ruled that he was within the meaning of the section. We think that they had better alter the section.

Dealing with physical qualifications, Bro. Smith had a busy time:

While in full enjoyment of all necessary qualifications a candidate received his first degree. Subsequently, and before any further advancement, he was injured so that he could not bend one of his legs, and the question was asked, "Could the brother be advanced?" As the brother had already received his first degree, and as the accident did not interfere with the candidate's ability to perform the duties of a Speculative Mason, I directed the Master to confer the remaining degrees.

I ruled that the fact of an applicant having lost portions of the third, fourth and fifth fingers of his left hand, his right remaining intact, did not debar him from membership, provided he was in all other respects capable of performing the work.

A man had a defect in his right eye, the result of a blow, which caused a growth on the ball, the other eye remaining perfect,

whereby he could easily distinguish objects and discern colors. My ruling was that this was not such a disability as prevented him from being made a Mason.

I decided that a man who had some trouble with one of his feet, and which in a slight degree might be classed as "club-footed," but which did not prevent him moving quickly and easily about, and did not in any way interfere with his business, was eligible for the mysteries of Masonry.

Referring to this decision, as the day may come when there will be a digest of the Grand Master's decisions in this jurisdiction, as there are in so many others, I wish to note the difference between this decision and one given by me in 1904. In that case the applicant was not only "club-footed," in the full acceptance of the term, but deformed as well, and I ruled against his being received. In the present case the facts are so different I have had no difficulty whatever in distinguishing between the two cases, and only make this reference to prevent misunderstanding or misconception.

Before leaving this somewhat interesting question, I wish to say that when they had some trouble in the neighboring jurisdiction of New Brunswick, over matters of this kind, the Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge communicated with the Grand Secretary of England, who is a distinguished Mason, and who replied as follows: "It is, I believe, the custom in all English lodges to interpret the law as to physical fitness very liberally, and if a man's mental and moral qualifications are such as to make him a desirable member, it is rarely he is rejected on the ground of bodily disqualifications."

While fully aware of the fact that this opinion has no binding force, still, coming from the high source it did, and being fully in accord with my own sentiments, I am quite free to admit it had great weight with me on some of the decisions given and reported on this troublesome Masonic question.

Although they approved of these decisions, the committee say that the "perfect man" doctrine should be adhered to as closely as possible.

It was decided to purchase a building and 40 acres of land near Windsor for a Masonic Home.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized and representatives were exchanged.

The honorary rank of Past Deputy Grand Master was conferred upon the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Great rejoicings occurred at the burning of the long-standing mortgage on Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.

A special committee was appointed to confer with Royal Standard Lodge, E. R., with a view to its transference from the Grand Lodge of England.

The following resolutions were adopted :

That this Grand Lodge recommends that no Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction shall, in future, knowingly, entertain the application for the degrees or for affiliation of any person engaged in manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

That the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry be read in every lodge in this jurisdiction at least once a year, either on the night of installation of officers, or at such other time the Worshipful Master may direct.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and reviews our Proceedings of 1907.

For the fifth time in succession Bro. Charles R. Smith, K. C., was elected Grand Master.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO

99th Communication, Cincinnati, Oct. 21, 1908.

George D. Copeland, G. M.

We quote his opening remarks :

One hundred years ago, on the 4th day of January, 1808, the representatives of a handful of lodges had met in the town of Chillicothe, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge of Masons for the State of Ohio, and on the last days of that year were again on their way for the purpose of holding the first Communication of this Grand Lodge, and on January 2, 1809, that first Grand Communication was held, the one hundredth anniversary of which we now celebrate.

Turn back, if you can, in your imagination and picture that scene. In the whole State of Ohio there were about one hundred and fifty thousand people of all kinds, nearly one-half of her territory still occupied by Indians, and the whole territory in a state of nature. Not one road worthy of the name existed, and these brethren came from long distances, alone and on horseback, along narrow pathways overhung with snow-covered branches of the forest trees, over frozen ground, in the bitter cold of dreary winter. The same Providence which had guided the Mayflower to the wild New England shore, and had sustained the American forces in the Revolutionary struggle for liberty, was now directing the settlement of the Northwest Territory by men whose hearts beat true with the love of Justice, Equality and Truth.

The humble beginning of these great, heroic, liberty-loving American citizens should forcibly remind us of the injunction, "Despise not the day of small things."

The century of Ohio Grand Lodge's sun rose in obscurity and is setting in radiant splendor. Her first Communication was held in a primitive log cabin of the pioneer, and to-day the doors of a score of magnificent Masonic Temples are swung widely open for her reception.

He recommended the appointment of two additional District Lecturers to cover their large field. He also says:

Every lodge in the State of Ohio has been inspected during the past Masonic year. Too much credit cannot be given to these zealous and faithful brethren, who go through the cold and rain of winter and the heat and dust of summer, often long distances and after night, to visit and inspect the subordinate lodges of the Grand jurisdiction.

The remarkable improvement in the character of the work executed by subordinate lodges, and the general improvement in every branch and department of such lodges, are so well understood and approved as to need no comment.

On clandestine bodies, it appears from Bro. Cope-land's remarks, they have no need of any further legislation:

The Legislatures of the different States have enacted laws defining clandestine secret bodies and prescribing severe penalties for organizing or holding membership in such bodies; and it was thought that such a law might be passed by the Ohio Legislature, but clandestine Masonry was at such a low ebb in this State that Masons generally felt that we had very little interest in such legislation.

Early in the Masonic year an attempt was made to organize a clandestine lodge of Masons in Cleveland, by advertising in the city papers that one thousand men were wanted to join, at the price of \$10 per capita. Bros. Frank S. Harmon, M. W. Past Grand Master, and Edward S. Griffiths, R. W. Junior Grand Deacon, succeeded in having the Cleveland papers discontinue such advertisement, and the matter seems to need no further attention.

The people of Ohio are to be congratulated upon not being misled into joining an institution membership in which can only bring upon them the contempt and detestation of all good Masons.

The first volume of the History of Freemasonry in Ohio, by Bro. W. M. Cunningham, is ready for publication.

In the report on Necrology, the following sympathetic reference is made to our late Grand Secretary:

It would not be just, however, to omit a word of special mention of the M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, the late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. For more than thirty years he has been actively identified with the labors of his Grand Lodge, and in that time his relations with our own Grand jurisdiction, both official and personal, have been more than usually helpful and fraternal. He has many friends in this body to mourn his passing.

A full report of their centennial celebration is to be published in a separate volume. The concluding entertainment is thus indicated:

From 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. a special band concert will be given by Bellstedt's famous band. During the intermission the Drill Corps of Hanselmann Commandery, No. 16, Knights Templars, one of the prize-winners at the last Triennial Conclave, will render a number of fancy evolutions in their famous drill, and the Hanselmann Military Band will furnish delightful music to accompany them.

There will also be a parade and review by the Refuge Home Cadets, accompanied by the Boys' Military Band.

Besides being Grand Historian, Bro. Cunningham writes the reports on Correspondence. Bro. Cunningham has been a Mason for 58 years, and has attended Grand Lodge continuously for the past 54 years, so he must be something of an octogenarian. He always has something good in his introduction, and we quote the following:

ATHEISTIC MASONRY

A Feature of the Atheistic Branch of Freemasonry in France

(From a prominent French Journal.)

"The journal is 'La Depeche,' of Toulouse, edited by the Sarraut brothers, Clemenceau's right-hand man during the first year of his government of France. The story is about the yearly September convention of the woman Free Masons—'Sœurs maconnes.'

"It was Maria Deraismes, the able and lifelong advocate of woman's rights, and well known as such to many English and American workers in the cause, who started the 'mixed Order' of Free Masons nearly twenty-six years ago. The regular 'Lodge of the Free Thinkers of Le Pecq,' near Paris, had first taken on itself the responsibility of initiating her just like any mere man. The other Masonic lodges of the country protested most ungallantly, so that the one Free Mason Sister was obliged to found a lodge of her own. She did not make the mistake of organizing it as a woman's club, but faithfully copied the lodge to which she had been admitted, and invited the brother Masons who were willing to let women into their secret to join her. Little by little her Supreme Mixed Council succeeded in living and spread to England and the Indies—and to America.

326 Mixed Lodges

"This year 326 lodges blessed with Sisters were represented in the Paris 'convent' (their technical language for a convention). They claim to have about 40,000 Masonic Sisters, all told, in the world. It is not said how many there may be in France alone. They belong to all ranks of fortune and intellect, call each other 'My Sister' and practice mutual aid. To prevent the lodges turning into social clubs, every precaution has been taken to keep out women who are curious or idle or seek only new sensations. The postulant's past history is looked up, and at the initiation itself she is closely questioned, as the men are in their own exclusive lodges, about those matters which separate the French Free Mason soul from the old world around. A great part of the Sister's mis-

sion, at least in France, seems to be the 'foundation of the modern and republican family.'

"The postulant gives her word to be married without a priest, and to bring up her children outside of all religious denominations.

"The Masonic Sister, 'a woman of great merit,' who has documented the writer of the 'Depeche,' says that there are a great many marriages among the younger men and women who belong to these 'mixed' lodges. The families thus formed are strong because they have but one thought (doubtless to be 'modern and republican'), and in this, she adds complacently, they are different from the greater number of French families, where father and mother, sons and daughters, have different ideals (that is, the women go to church, while the men do not). 'Our mixed Freemasonry,' she concludes, 'pretends to be a school of morals that will help in large measure to the evolution of the modern world.'

"What this evolution is to be may be gathered from a lively dispute which went on at the same time between the two conventions of male Free Masons. The orthodox held to the Grand Orient, which some years since separated itself from the Free Masons of England and America by refusing to recognize officially any 'Grand Architect of the Universe.' A few French Free Masons protested against this seeming adoption of atheism, and organized for France the Grand Lodge of the Scottish Rite, in whose temples the Grand Architect is duly worshipped. This year these schismatics received to their initiation M. Lemaire, former Governor of French Congo and now Deputy from India. Eight hundred brethren of the Grand Orient protested in convention against this 'scandalous initiation,' on the ground that M. Lemaire is strongly suspected of being a 'Protestant Jesuit.' On the contrary, they voted their best congratulations to M. Augagneur, the Governor of Madagascar, who has so offended the Protestant missionaries in that island. The latter, a founder of the Radical Socialist Bloc in France, answered the Protestant members of Parliament, who took up the complaint of the missionaries: 'You had no right to think that the separation of Church and State, which you voted so readily, would only injure Catholics and favor yourselves!'"

Whilst the foregoing excerpts may be of the sensational class, yet there is doubtless enough truth in the statements to show the influence of the "Grand Orient of France" in the permission of innovations, political and otherwise, among its adherents, one of whom is doubtless the author of the above quotations.

Canada for 1907 receives fraternal attention.

C. S. Hoskinson (Zanesville), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA

16th Communication, Guthrie, Feb. 11, 1908.

Earle Beebe, G. M.

His address opens with the following:

jurisdiction. The number of Master Masons in our obedience has been materially increased. With very few exceptions, the work of

our constituent lodges in inculcating the great truths of Masonry is proceeding in a proper and orderly manner.

Twelve new lodges were opened.

Their Masonic Home Fund now amounts to \$40,000.

A committee was appointed to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, to discuss the amalgamation of the two Grand Lodges.

Just appreciation of faithful service is always pleasant to notice:

Whereas, R. W. Grand Secretary Bro. James S. Hunt has spent the last 17 years in the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of his office; and,

Whereas, Our esteemed brother has reached the age when his strength is not sufficient for the vigorous and his usual efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Grand Secretary: now, therefore, be it

Resolved by this Grand Lodge, That R. W. Bro. James S. Hunt be and he is hereby made an Honorary Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge for life, and that a salary of \$75 per month be paid him for the next ensuing year, and a salary of \$50 per month be paid him thereafter for the remainder of his life.

The following is an extract from the report of the committee on Law and Usage:

In our Grand Master's address we find that he has during the year granted a large number of special dispensations, quite a number of which were for the conferring of degrees without regard to the statutory time. In no case has he given up his reason for the granting of these dispensations. Knowing our Grand Master as we do, however, we feel that he must have good and sufficient reasons for what he did do, yet we desire to reiterate what we have often said before, that a Grand Master should be very careful in granting special dispensations to confer degrees without regard to statutory time, and insist that the same only be granted for the most urgent reasons, and, further, that the Grand Master should state his reason for granting said dispensations in his address.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Western Australia were recognized. Action on the Grand Orient of Greece was deferred.

The report on Correspondence is by the newly-elected Grand Secretary, and reviews our Proceedings for 1907.

D. D. Hoag (Anadarko), G. M.

W. M. Anderson (Waurica), G. S.

OREGON

58th Communication, Portland, June 10, 1908.

Lot L. Pearce, G. M.

The Grand Master is enthusiastic over their prospects:

Our Grand jurisdiction, bordering upon the "sun-down sea," and containing vast areas of undeveloped, or but slightly developed, country, with a highly satisfactory climate and a practical certainty of every kind of crops, is naturally attracting many men who are anxious to escape the rigors of the climate of the States located farther to the East in this great country of ours, and many, a great many, of the men who are continually coming to build up a new home in this Western country are of those who have knelt at our altars. Where they locate at a place where we have established a lodge, they are ready to affiliate and become a part of the warp and woof, not only of the new country, but also of the Masonic institution of our jurisdiction.

In cases where they locate at a point where no lodge is conveniently located, they very naturally begin to look about with the idea of petitioning for the establishment of a new lodge, in order that they may enjoy the privileges to which they have been accustomed in their former home.

More petitions have been presented for new lodges, and more new lodges established in the past year than at any time for many years, if not more than any year in the history of the Grand Lodge, and I anticipate that inasmuch as the entire Western country is very rapidly filling up, the demand for the establishment of new lodges will continue for many years to come, until such time as a Masonic lodge shall be located in every community.

He is correct on the observance of the Saints John Days:

The question has arisen as to whether any lodge might hold a Stated Communication on either June 24th or December 27th, and transact all general business, and upon looking up the matter, I was surprised to find that our present Constitution and By-Laws have no provision touching on this matter.

It seems to me that the right of any lodge to hold a Stated Communication on either of these days, and to transact any business which may be taken care of at any Stated Communication, is so old that it would amount almost to a departure from the "Landmarks" to fail to recognize this right, and I recommend that this Grand Lodge place itself on record as favoring this ancient rule.

The Grand Lecturer visited all the 107 lodges, travelling over 6,000 miles, 1,300 of them by stage over mountain roads. On the work he says:

During past years there has been a good deal of clamoring among members for the adoption of a uniform system of work. There has been some degree of justice in this demand, because it would be difficult for any one to say which among the various interpretations given can be received by lodges as the correct

standard for them to follow. There is, however, a greater degree of uniformity among lodges in rendering the work of opening and closing and conferring degrees than we have been led to infer. During years of the past a few practices were introduced which no one can justify by any kind of Masonic philosophy; while several features, vital to a clear understanding by the candidates of certain ceremonies, were omitted. Some of our lodges have observed these irregularities, and corrected them. I have called attention to these, and have endeavored to demonstrate to the brethren that correctness of language employed, consistency and beauty of application is attainable only by those imbued with a zeal to find out what is right, and adhering to it.

There are many Masons who are good men and true, and because of their nobility of character have been chosen to fill offices in the lodge where they find it difficult to get away from an idiomatic way of expressing sentences to which they have been accustomed from their youth; yet many of these brave hearts are full of all that is best in Masonry.

I think it is safe to assume that the committee appointed a year ago will give us a work which will receive the stamp of approval by this Grand Lodge that will make it the standard for the government of our lodges.

In my judgment, the greatest need of the Craft was that of becoming inspired with a deeper sense of the moral responsibility and privilege of every one claiming the title of Mason. The expressions of approval and the spirit of acquiescence manifested among the brethren in response to my endeavor to lead them to higher standards of interpretation in Masonic philosophy stand in justification of that conclusion.

Bro. J. M. Hodson, who has been seriously ill, received a token of appreciation for his eminent services:

If we should search the archives of Masonry of the State of Oregon from the beginning, we should fail to find another name more strongly impressed therein than that of J. M. Hodson. His strong personality, his untiring energy, his never-failing zeal, has, since his identification with this Grand Lodge, been given without reserve to the best interests of the Craft. His pen has written the name of the Grand Lodge of Oregon among the first on the roll of Masonic Honor for many years. He is ranked as the best among the committees on Correspondence. Probably the crowning triumph of his Masonic career that we are enjoying to-day is this beautiful new Masonic Temple, and it is due largely to his wisdom and foresight as a Trustee of the Educational Fund that we realize the grand result.

I fear that to his tireless labors in this behalf is due largely his present physical affliction, and I move that this Grand Lodge can no better show their appreciation of his good work done than by giving our eminent brother a rising vote of thanks."

Adopted unanimously.

The revised work was exemplified and adopted.

The address of the Grand Orator, Bro. Harvey W. Scott, is one of the best we have seen. We regret that we have only space for a few extracts:

The guilds upon which it was founded no longer exist. They belong to "the dark backward and the abysm of time." The work passing from operative to speculative Masonry takes its color and cast from the union that took place from the contact of the returning Crusaders with the Knights of the various Orders. The legend of Solomon's Temple thus became the basis of a large part of the ritualistic or ceremonial work. In the various branches of Masonry other legends and ceremonies from Hebrew sources were added. Freemasonry, however, is derived from many sources. Considering that it is a tree, the roots of which have spread through many soils, it follows that traces thereof must be found in its fruit; that its language and ritual must retain much of the various ideas and institutions it has passed through before arriving at their present state, which even yet is not fixed nor ever can be; and herein, moreover, we see why it is that in Masonry we meet with Indian, Egyptian, Jewish and Christian ideas, terms and symbols. * * *

The work of speculative Masonry, in my conception of it, is one part or phase of the effort of man to account for things, of which the problem of his own existence is deepest of all. Man does not make the mysteries. He is the mystery of mysteries himself. Yet so slender is his hold on that of which he nevertheless is so sure, that in his struggles to find himself he can use only forms and symbols. A legend is made the basis of the work of this Order. Wonder not at this, for every structure must have a scaffolding for the builders.

It cannot be proved, yet it cannot rationally be denied, that the guild of workmen, of whose association in the olden time the speculative Masonry of modern times is a continuance, or outgrowth, or revival, had an antiquity very high. All students of antiquity know that there is truth or fact at the base of every legend. There is often, usually, indeed, much change, much amplification in the progress of story or legend; and in the ingenuity of the men of our Order, supported, doubtless, at different periods by the spirit of mysticism, and even by credulity, has supplied new analogues for the elaboration of various parts of the work. Naturally it is penetrated through and through by the traditional or supposed spirit of its origin. Hence the general presence of Scriptural nomenclature in the catechism, the rituals and general service. All serious and solemn work preserves its impressiveness in similar ways. Mythical tradition is surer foundation for effort that must depend on the imagination for nourishment than any array of positive facts could be. Yet operative Masonry was an historical fact, as the outgrowth from it, or merging into it, of speculative Masonry is surely attested. It is not necessary to maintain that there is historical evidence which carries the institution back to Solomon's Temple, or to the Pagan mysteries. It is enough that this society has made use of and wrought into its structure the materials that could serve its purpose. Invention and imagination, not running riot, but governed by a sense of fitness and supported by legend handed down from one generation to another, have selected, adapted and purified the materials. Yet

the whole is in the spirit of man; and since there is difference of national characteristics, the expression varies in different countries, and undergoes some changes, as every Mason may observe, even in our own. * * *

The legend of the Craft isn't much in itself, but it is the seed of much, for the growth of spirit. Symbols and even enigmatical forms have ever been employed to carry truths: and the nature of man is such that it must be so. No form or rite of religion is cultivated for itself. No creed exists for itself, but every one that has vitality exists because its use is of service to man. Those things are helps, not ends. So with Free Masonry. To elevate the soul and purify the spirit is the purpose and end sought through the use of all forms.

This should be sufficient answer to the criticism that the work of the Lodge resolves itself in the analysis to the rehearsal of useless and pointless ritual. It is even asserted that since the objects Masons profess to pursue are brotherly love, relief and truth, the pursuit of these objects cannot need any secret rites, traditions and ceremonies. Yet all who are imbued with the Masonic spirit realize that forms, symbols, figures, solemnities, are media through which all serious and earnest work must be done. Association, moreover, is indispensable to human endeavor, and one of the chief ends of Masonry is to make a sure bond among men. No Mason can disregard his obligations to a brother, and the lessons of the Craft teach benevolence and justice towards all men. Masons are to do right, not only by each other, but towards all with whom they come in contact. Proof that this order serves a permanent need of the human spirit is supplied by the continued vigor of its growth. Mere toys or shows, or forms, will not please men from youth to age. Masonry, then, is vindicated by proofs and results. The animating principle of the Order stands as an outgrowth of the purposes of our inward, individual and social being, and as an inspiration to life and action. It vindicates its place in the work of the world.

Bro. J. M. Hodson presented another of his very excellent reports. He gives Canada for 1907 a good notice. On the Queensland matter he says:

We got tired of waiting for the Island Grand Lodges to do right by their subordinates. We waited some years to give them time to come around to what we considered Masonic fair-play and finally despairing, we gave our little influence on what we considered the side of justice, and our Grand Lodge recognized the new Grand Lodge, and we hope to see it grow and prosper.

We also quote part of his erudite and interesting conclusion:

. It is a somewhat peculiar circumstance that every system of religious philosophy which has ever dominated any considerable portion of the world took its inspiration from the ancient Egyptian priesthood and the Egyptian Mysteries, in which were first taught the dogma of one God, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe. This dogma has in some form impressed, and to some extent swayed and directed, every civilized or semi-civilized nation that has since appeared. It will be noted that the earliest avowal or acknowledgment of this principle was engraved above the entrance

of the Temple of Isis: "I am, whatsoever was, whatsoever is, whatsoever shall be, no man shall lift the veil from before my face." Moses, educated in all the wisdom of Egypt, delivered to and impressed this dogma upon the Hebrew nation. The Persian and Eastern Magi received it from the same source. Tradition teaches that the ancient Aryan nations worshipped only the principle of Divine Wisdom, but feared the principle of Evil. The Elusenan and Grecian Mysteries perpetuated the dogma of one God, and later in the centuries the Essenians and the Christians promulgated and established the same doctrine which has been taught and believed throughout the Christian world; hence it is easy to trace the line of descent of the Mason's Creed from its earliest supposed origin.

That which is known in Masonic tradition as the Ancient Mysteries were systems of worship and philosophy taught by the priests of the different nations where they flourished, and consisted of public teachings and exhortations and private or secret initiations. In the latter, many weird and striking experiences were said to have been inflicted upon the candidates, as well as some of the most beautiful and charming scenes were displayed. That the points of teaching were intended to exhibit the magnificence and power of the one self-existent great God, and the future lives and conditions of the souls of men, and so long as they remained in their purity their influence was for good.

These Societies, or Mysteries, were frequently mingled or connected with the worship of the sun, the worship of idols, or rude debaucheries, and thereby became corrupted, but notwithstanding this perversion of purpose, there has ever continued to be portions of their principles taught, and fragments of their ceremonies preserved. The symbol of baptism as practised by the Church to-day is as old as the Pyramid of Gizeh, and the perambulations in a Masonic lodge are as old as the first worship of the sun. As the ages go by, the generations of men take up and practice ceremonies of the past and apply meanings to them, little dreaming of their origin or former use; hence, we have thought it worth while to mention a few things which we do, and suggest the reason why, or the origin of the same.

The ancient nations imagined the earth was the centre and most important part of the universe, and that the sun and the other heavenly bodies revolved about it. The early nations were situated in countries north of the equator, and in the worship of the sun held daily services at sunrise, and at its greatest northern declination, or about the twenty-fourth of June, each year, it being the Summer Solstice, at which time the Mystics held a great festival, adored the sun and marked its position to the north of east at its rising to begin the day; hence, the first position of the newly made Mason is at the northeast angle of the lodge, where he begins his Masonic career. It is also the point for the beginning of the foundation of a new building and comes from the same thought and originated with the sun-worshippers. This festival has been celebrated since the Christian era as that of Saint John the Baptist. As the months of the year passed by, the sun apparently arose each day further to the south until it reached its furthest southern declination, about the time of year represented by the twenty-seventh of December or the Winter Solstice, immediately after

which time the sun began to ascend again, which was celebrated like that of the Summer Solstice, by a great festival, and is perpetuated by the Masons in Christian countries as Saint John the Evangelist's Day.

In all the religious ceremonies and processions among the Ancients and in the Mysteries, they moved from the north toward the east to meet the sun, the source of light, and followed the sun in its circuit through the south to the west, and returned by the same route to the east. The sun, in making its supposed circuit around the earth, was for slightly less than half the time in darkness. That darkness was supposed to be emblematic of the ignorant and sinful condition of Neophyte and his journeyings around the altar following the sun, emblematic of his search after light and knowledge. These movements in dedicatory services of churches or societies are directly descended from these ancient ceremonies referred to, and will be readily recognized in the prambulations by all intelligent Masons.

The reason the north is a place of Masonic darkness is derived from the philosophies of the ancient Mysteries. They taught that the sun moved around the earth on the circumference of a great circle, and when nearest the zenith, it being at its meridian height, it was the hour of the greatest light, and when nearest the Nadir it was as far north as it was at noon south, and it being midnight, it was the hour of greatest darkness; hence, the Masonic student is taught that no light can come out of the north, and he must look to the east, where the Master sits, for that good and wholesome instruction whereby he may pursue his labor. There are stations in the east, south and west, because the sun appears at these points, and none in the north, because it does not; hence, the north, Masonically speaking, is a place of darkness.

In all the Mysteries the candidates wore white garments in token of the purity of their intentions. The ancients considered, and the Mystics taught, that the elementary principles of physical matter from which all forms of visible objects were created were four: Earth, Air, Fire and Water, and that these physical elements were equal; hence, to record this thought, they formed the figure of a perfect square, having four equal sides and four right angles. The spiritual forces of nature they considered to be the Creative, the Destructive and the Preservative, and to record their comprehension of the attributes of this great spiritual force they formed an equilateral triangle—three equal sides and three equal angles—which, Masonically, means Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence, and to show that spiritual power presided over, directed and controlled all physical substance, they placed the triangle at the top of the square as the flap of an apron, and, being white, it became the emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, and is thus worn in the lamb-skin or white apron by the Fraternity to this day.

The system of voting on any important question by societies or peoples, was, so far as either history or tradition speaks, invented and practised in the Grecian Mysteries and the ruling classes of the Grecian nation. They did not use written or printed ballots. A bit of white stone, ivory or bone meant yes, while a bit of black flint, marble or stone meant no. It was thus easy to cast a secret ballot. It is said that the great philosopher, Socrates,

was condemned to drink the hemlock by a very small majority. This system of voting has ever since been maintained by various societies who select their petitioners, especially the Masonic Fraternity, though many others use it without ever thinking from whence derived. In common parlance, every intelligent man now knows what it means to be "black-balled."

Fragments from the wisdom of nearly or quite all the ancient nations were gathered in the various systems of thought, worship, philosophies and amusements of the Roman Empire, and all through its existence wise philosophers and good men appeared, who taught the people the best political and religious morals consistent with the civilization of the ages. Seven hundred and fifteen years B. C., Numa Pompilius organized what has since been known as the Colleges of Builders. It is not known whether any special ceremonies of initiation or obligations were administered, but it is fair to presume that something of this nature was included in the admission of new members. It is known, however, the purposes for which they were organized. They did not bear arms and were not expected to do any fighting, but accompanied the Roman legions on their expeditions to prepare roads, build fortifications or construct camps, somewhat similar to the modern engineering corps, under the command of a modern general. These Colleges were governed by officers almost identical to the modern Masonic lodge, and were composed of the best architects and finest mechanical workers in wood, metal or stone, together with a large number of common brethren, or laborers. These Colleges continued to exist for many centuries, even until after the fall of the Roman Empire. Meantime they had penetrated and labored in all countries subject to the Roman arms, and many of the best Masonic writers have believed that the system of government and many of the symbols of Masonry, having been derived from the ancient Mysteries, were preserved and handed down to modern ages by these Colleges of Builders.

The period in the world's history in which the great monuments, such as convents, cathedrals and churches, were erected is comparatively modern, they being mostly constructed within two or three hundred years of what is known as the Revival of Masonry, or the change from the Operative to the Speculative Systems in 1717, the date of organizing the first modern Grand Lodge. For many years prior to this event there had existed on the continent, as well as in England, lodges of Speculative Masons, and many of the old lodges had many members who never worked practically at the trade, but who appreciated its philosophy and believed in its creed. The most active and able of the promoters of the new system were also members of a school of philosophy known as the Rosecrucians, a society of philosophers who reveled in ancient mythology, taught the highest and purest morals by a system of symbols, parables and allegories. It is believed that Doctor Desaguliers, Dr. Anderson, Elias Ashmole and many other followers of the Rosecrucian cult transferred some of its symbols to Masonry. They taught moral lessons by the use of mechanical tools, pictures and object-lessons, and whatever additions were made to the Masons' Ritual were supposed to have been drawn from the Christian religion, the Rosecrucian philosophy and the

slight inventive ability of those eminent brethren named, together with their co-laborers.

Edward E. Kiddle (Island City), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Portland), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 28th, 1908.

George B. Orlady, G.M.

The address is exceedingly interesting and instructive. It gives an elaborate sketch of the early Masonic history of the States, but, owing to the lateness of the receipt of these Proceedings, and also for lack of space, we are unable to give it the attention it deserves. We quote, however, as follows:

The administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge during the past year has not been marked by any unexpected event. We have paid off the last dollar of our debt on this Temple, and this result has been attained by such gradual processes that the honor of the liquidation must be given to each administration since the debt was incurred, in 1868.

Relieved of this obligation, we have again pledged the faith and credit of this Grand Lodge to new liabilities incident upon the location, erection and maintenance of a Masonic Home for our helpless and dependent brethren, their wives and children. We have adjusted our rates and income so as to be able to meet and discharge all the responsibilities of the future, and we face the coming years confident of our ability, and zealous in our purpose to fulfill our promises. * * *

This Grand Lodge has always felt that history founded upon doubtful facts is no better than a legend, and has conscientiously endeavored to support every material fact relating to its own affairs with incontrovertible proof. Careless investigators have occasionally made statements that have appeared in the Masonic literature of the day, which have given an entirely wrong impression in regard to historic facts. It is doubtless the fact that many Freemasons emigrated from England, in the early years of the eighteenth century, to the British settlements in Virginia, Maryland, the Carolinas, New York and New England, and that their interest in Freemasonry was renewed by the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1717, so that they would naturally establish lodges in the land of their adoption. Their records have been lost or destroyed, but an earnest search for these lost treasures should be prosecuted, in the hope of ascertaining the date and place of their location—"to glean up the scattered ashes into History's golden urn,"—so as to preserve the deeds that should not pass away and the names that must not be forgotten.

It is certainly fair to assume that soon after William Penn plotted his "Green Country Towne" in 1682, some rugged pioneers who were Freemasons came to Philadelphia. In that early day the Fraternity in England was avouched for by kings, princes and rulers, and was actively represented by political and social functionaries. Posts of honor and adventure would be reasonably and naturally given to these favorites of power, representing the "Lords of the Committee of Trade, and Plantations," appointed by England's Privy Council for the general supervision of the American Colonies.

The earliest authenticated record is a letter, written in 1715 by one John Moore, who came to Philadelphia in 1703 as King's Collector of the Port, in which he states that "he had spent a few evenings in festivity with his Masonic Brethren in this City." But, passing from the period of doubt and uncertainty, we have definite and indisputable proof of the existence in Philadelphia of the Holy Lodge of St. John in 1727; this fact is evidenced by the recovery, during the present year, of the Constitution of that ancient Lodge, as transcribed by Thomas Carmick, who concluded the transcription with:

"Whatsomever Meason or fellow Craft that shall meet with this booke I charge him, upon the tenor of his oath to take Great Care of it and Retturn it to Me."

This manuscript, which is of inestimable value to the Fraternity at large, and to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular, proves its genuineness by its archaic appearance, and by its having been a treasured heirloom in the continuous custody of a family of Masons of the blood of the writer. It is unblemished by alteration of any kind, yet soiled and worn by nearly two centuries of use, but is in perfectly legible form and is consistent in all parts, so that it demonstrates its own accuracy and unquestionableness. It was formally presented to this Grand Lodge by Bro. Persifor Frazer Smith, of Milnor Lodge, No. 287, at Pittsburgh, by the hand of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Bro. George W. Guthrie, on December 2, 1908, and is now among the archives in our Masonic Library. The recovery of this old manuscript has renewed and extended the interest in the early history of our Fraternity.

In speaking of their Charities, Bro. Orlady gives some details of the enormous amount of funds they have capable of being used for relief purposes:

Our charities have been continously increasing; the Grand Lodge Charity Fund amounts to \$115,548.95, and disbursement was made last year by the Almoners of \$6,760.00 "to dispensing relief to needy respectable widows, orphan children, mothers and unmarried sisters of Master Masons in good standing at the time of their decease."

The Girard Bequest amounts to \$73,958.53, and the Stewards made a disbursement last year of \$2,750.00, which was distributed to "Poor and respectable Master Masons in good standing."

The Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund amounts to \$113,642.08, and an annual disbursement of \$3,000.00 was made by the Bursars "for the relief of poor respectable widows of 45

years and over, whose husbands were Master Masons in good standing in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, within three years of their decease."

Other funds for specific purposes are accumulating, and our charities have been so zealously administered that within the past eight years we have made about fourteen thousand disbursements, aggregating \$350,000, under the bequests and donations as above stated.

One of our most important charities results from the residuary bequest of Bro. Thomas R. Patton, our late beloved Grand Treasurer, who died September 13, 1907, and by the provisions of his will his residuary estate is devised to this Grand Lodge, to be wholly and exclusively within the control, direction and management of the said Grand Lodge, through Trustees to be appointed or elected. By this bequest a fund is provided for the establishment and maintenance of an institution for the support and education of the male orphan children of Master Masons who were, at the time of their decease, members in good standing of some subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which bequest, upon report made by the executors of the said estate to the Grand Lodge, at its annual Grand Communication in December, 1907, was estimated as amounting to \$1,046,735.87, and is now in the control of the Trustees selected by the Grand Lodge, to be safeguarded for a period of twelve years, following the death of Bro. Patton, in accordance with the provision of his will regulating said trust.

This volume of Proceedings is beautifully decorated with colored plates of the places of meeting of the Grand Lodge for the past 150 years and interior views of the present magnificent Temple, which has been well named the Masonic "wonder of the world."

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. James M. Lamberton and reviews our Proceedings of 1908.

George B. Orlady (Philadelphia), G. M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

33rd Communication, Summerside, June 24, 1908.

W. K. Rogers, G. M.

The Grand Master's address is a very excellent Masonic paper. His ideals are high, and he clearly points out to his brethren the aims and objects of our Institution, and what they should do to realize them. He visited all the lodges except one. Harmony prevails, and they have the largest membership in their history. We quote part of his conclusion:

Socially, Masonry has other and far different aims and purposes. It is the machinery and organism which, amid all the strife and discord of the world, where interest clashes with interest, prejudice with reason and bigotry with license, adjusts and balances the innate charities of human nature in such a manner as that, whatever passion takes the lead in the motives of action, men are not allowed to entirely forget the precepts of the Christian's Golden Rule. In this the world is indebted to Masonry for much that has been done toward softening and smoothing the naturally rude and barbarous nature and customs of men. While in this respect it may not claim equal honor with the spirit of Christianity, yet it has no doubt been an efficient agent in preparing the way for the benign influences of the Church.

The past is easier to read than the present; but what now appears to have been so serviceable to that age, as seen from our present standpoint, will be looked upon ages hence as being no less useful in our day. There is, no doubt, as much occasion for the influences and work of Masonry now as there ever was in the past ages, not perhaps in the same form. But so long as there is a spirit of intolerance, barbarism, mercenary selfishness and ignorance in the world, so long as unbridled passion sways the minds of men, so long will there be work for the Masters, Wardens and Craft. If the social condition of man has improved, so has the light of Masonry increased. If man has advanced in knowledge, morality and social courtesy, so has the standard by which these virtues are tested. As men obtain a clearer insight into the principles and qualities of virtue in the abstract, so should they become better schooled in the practice and application of truth and justice.

The business transacted was of local interest only. Their Benevolent Fund is on the increase and receives much attention. The uniformity of the work is most gratifying.

D. F. Macdonald (Montague), G. M.

Neil MacKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEBEC

39th Communication, Montreal, Feb. 10th, 1908.

George O. Stanton, G. M.

The Grand Master, in the course of an able address, renders a feeling tribute to our late Grand Secretary, Bro. Hugh Murray:

On receipt of this sad information I requested our Grand Secretary to forward a wire message on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, followed by a letter sent to M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, expressing our deepest sympathy in the loss of so zealous and enthusiastic a Mason and so capable and efficient an officer of the Grand Lodge to which he was so deeply attached. A floral emblem was also forwarded to be placed on the bier in token of our love and regard for an esteemed brother, widely known, not only in Ontario, but throughout the whole Dominion.

He also refers to the healthy condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction and the substantial increase in membership.

In extending recognition to the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the committee on Foreign Relations has the following to say:

First—That the Grand Lodge of Quebec extends warm greetings and fraternal recognition to each of the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and gladly acquiesces in the desire which they have expressed for an exchange with our Grand Lodge of Grand Representatives, tendering, at the same time, our best wishes for a long and brilliant career of Masonic usefulness for both of the newly-formed western Grand Lodges.

With regard to the other requests for recognition, we quote as follows:

Second—That as regards the letters of Auge Romeos, Esq., of Boston, applying as "Minister Plenipotentiary," on behalf of the Grand Orients of Greece and the Argentine Republic, for the establishment of fraternal relations between them and this Grand Lodge, the formal reply of R. W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary, informing Bro. Romeos that the office of "Minister Plenipotentiary" is unknown to English-speaking Masonry, is all the action necessary to be taken in the case.

Third—That, pending the receipt of further information, no action be taken at present looking to the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Mexico and the Argentine Republic.

Fourth—That recognition of the Grand Orients of Greece and of other European lands is undesirable.

The Trustees of the Temple building fund reported as follows:

Several members of this Grand body who were shareholders of the Temple Company had frequently expressed a desire to give their stock to Grand Lodge, and, as the latter cannot hold the stock in its own name, it was necessary that Trustees should be appointed to act on its behalf in this connection. That the desire to benefit Grand Lodge was general amongst its members holding stock in the company is amply demonstrated by the fact that, at the present time, more than half of the capital stock of the company has been transferred to your Trustees. It is worthy of note that the first transfer made to your Trustees after their appointment was one of fifty shares by M. W. Bro. Isaac Henry Stearns, our Grand Treasurer.

All of which goes to show that the true Masonic spirit pervades the brethren.

The death was announced of Most Worshipful Bro. James Dunbar, P. G. M., who was a notable figure in Grand Lodge many years ago, and was also very well known to the brethren in Ontario, having held the office of Grand J. in the Grand Chapter of Canada.

He was the leader of the Quebec Bar for a number of years, and also Batonnier-General for the Province. He was an ardent admirer of Freemasonry, and his long record of valuable Masonic services will not soon be forgotten.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers' report on Correspondence is as interesting as usual, and we quote the following from his introductory remarks:

There is a mawkish sentimentality abroad in regard to the universality of Masonry, which seems born of a fear that any pronouncing the Masonic shibboleth should be debarred from the privileges of the Craft, or denied recognition among regularly constituted Free and Accepted Masons. Let us not fail to remember that signs of recognition do not prove one to be a regularly-made Mason, and that legitimacy of Masonic origin must be satisfactorily established before a man, a lodge, or a Grand Lodge is entitled to our recognition as such.

We have been led to these remarks by the apparent lack of thought, of investigation and of due consideration displayed by some of the Grand Lodges on this continent in their recognition of Grand Lodges of more than doubtful origin. Many very absurd, very improper, things have been done from time to time in the name of Freemasonry by the Grand Orients and others of Latin origin, and so much so, in fact, as almost to make us fear that there is very little, if any, legitimate Masonry at all to be found outside of English-speaking communities. None know better than do the Masons of the Province of Quebec how much the public policy of those Grand Orients which we in this jurisdiction hold to to be entirely outside the pale of Freemasonry has been exploited by the enemies of the Craft as a reason for its unqualified condemnation. We may and we do repudiate any connection with the Grand Orients that interfere in public quarrels with Church or State, but of what avail is such repudiation, when some of the English-speaking Grand Lodges, with which we exchange correspondence and Grand Representatives, thoughtlessly extend official recognition to those Grand bodies whose legitimacy we deny, and which a little investigation would prove to be unworthy of any consideration at the hands of regularly constituted Grand Lodges.

He devotes three pages to a careful review of our Proceedings for 1907.

Geo. O. Stanton (Montreal), G. M.

Will. H. Whyte (Montreal), G. S.

QUEENSLAND

At a special Communication held at Brisbane, August 14th, 1907, for the installation of Lord Chelmsford as Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master of New Zealand and the Grand Senior Deacon of New South Wales were present as visitors. They were

cordially thanked for coming so far to represent their Grand Lodges.

At each of the Quarterly Communications new lodges were reported, and also further recognitions. Up to June 8th, 1908, they had been recognized by 34 Grand Lodges.

They have 54 lodges, with a membership of over 1,600.

Complete regulations were adopted for the formation of the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Masons' Institution.

In his address of September 9th, 1907, the Grand Master says:

If I quote some figures in connection with the travelling of Grand Lodge officers, brethren may have some idea of the work which has been done during the past year:

Our Grand Secretary has travelled....	5,746 miles
The Deputy Grand Master.....	3,138 "
The Grand Inspector of Workings.....	2,774 "

And seven other Grand Lodge officers have covered well over 1,000 miles apiece.

Such travelling constitutes a severe tax on the time and strength of our Grand Lodge officers, and, notwithstanding the praiseworthy efforts to keep down the railway expenses, which work out at less than 2d. a mile, such expenditure constitutes a heavy drain on our funds.

There is a suggestion in the report of the Board of General Purposes in reference to this matter, which I commend to your attention.

Since the foundation of Grand Lodge relief has been extended to brethren to the extent of £269 13s. 3d., and funds have been accumulated for charitable purposes to the amount of £900.

The report of the committee on the Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons is before you, and I confidently look to the support of the brethren for this praiseworthy object: and in time to come, if any ask of us our credentials, we shall be able to point to our Institution and say, "By this sign shall you know us."

Brethren, I have said sufficient to give you an idea of our work during the past year. Those who have labored, and it is unnecessary for me to particularize, ask for no praise. They have their reward in the consciousness of duty nobly done, and in the confidence and esteem of their brethren.

We go forward into the year before us full of hope and confidence.

We have no divisions among us. We are an united family, and our prayer will still be that Brotherly Love and Charity may always prevail among the lodges throughout the world, and we

know that the Great Architect of the Universe will in His own good time bring this to pass.

Lord Chelmsford (Brisbane), G. M.

Charles H. Harley (Brisbane), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND

Semi-annual Communication, Nov. 18, 1907.

Saskatchewan was recognized.

The decision of last year as to the right of an officer to take his demit was reversed by the adoption of the following report:

That an officer in a lodge in good standing, who has paid his dues in full, is not entitled to a demit. The committee finds itself unable to concur in this decision. Art. VII., § 22, of the Grand Constitution provides that "any member in good standing, and having paid all dues, shall be entitled to a demit." This language is positive, imperative, and without exception. An officer is a member, and neither waives nor forfeits his rights as such by accepting office. Were his official obligations to be construed as a waiver of his right to demit, a lodge, by neglecting or refusing to elect or appoint his successor, might indefinitely prevent him from severing his connection with the lodge.

In those jurisdictions in which the right to demit is denied Masters and Wardens, the denial is usually founded on an express constitutional provision.

The right, even of a Master, to demit seems to have been recognized in a regulation adopted by the Grand Lodge of England, November 25, 1723: "If a Master of a particular lodge is deposed or dimits, the Senior Warden shall forthwith fill the Master's chair till the next time of choosing." (Mackey Mas. Jur. 366.)

There being in this jurisdiction no constitutional restriction upon the right to demit, it would appear that the language of Art. VII., § 22, quoted above, must receive the full natural interpretation of the words used.

The committee, therefore, recommends that the decision be disapproved.

It was also

Voted, That the conferring of the Past Master's degree be omitted from the ceremony of installation.

Voted, That the Grand Master for the time being is authorized to direct that the Past Master's degree be conferred or communicated after the close of all the ceremonies of installation.

119th Communication, Providence, May 18, 1908.

Arthur H. Armington, G. M.

He decided that a lodge had the right to levy an assessment upon all its members, including life members, to defray the expenses of an anniversary cele-

bration, holding that life members were only exempt from the payment of the ordinary lodge dues.

He strongly urges care in the admission of candidates.

Membership in the Masonic Fraternity is, perhaps, more sought to-day than ever before; hundreds are knocking at our doors, and it behooves us to choose carefully from among the multitude those who come with a proper recognition of the merits and purposes of the Institution, with a desire for greater improvement and usefulness, while we reject those who, from selfish and unworthy motives, seek to ally themselves with us. More than this, if we find that, notwithstanding all our care, unworthy persons have gained entrance, let us never put the broad mantle of Masonic charity to the ignoble use of covering crime or immorality, but if any are guilty of such offences against our rules, let them feel the heavy hand of Masonic discipline.

William L. Chatterton (Pawtucket), G. M.

S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SASKATCHEWAN

2nd Communication, Regina, June 17, 1908.

H. H. Campkin, G. M.

This new Grand Lodge is starting off all right. The manner in which the affairs were conducted, and the business-like way in which all details were settled, give good evidence of executive ability, not only on the part of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, but also on the part of the other members of Grand Lodge.

The address contains the following:

True, the jurisdiction has in the past year suffered from a partial failure of crop, from climatic conditions, which, together with world-wide financial stringency, has caused a depression throughout our length and breadth. We, however, have much to be thankful for, and can realize that this check has been all for our good, and to teach us to fully comprehend that monetary advancement should not be our first and only consideration.

The bonds of brotherly love have been strengthened, brother has found consolation and relief with brother in difficulty, and has in many instances found the true meaning of some of our teachings.

Yet even under the adverse financial conditions, the onward march of Masonry within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan has been most gratifying, and even phenomenal.

Some of our subordinate lodges, as might almost have been expected, instead of decreasing fees and dues, are raising the amounts, and nearly all of those instituted have fixed their fees higher than prescribed by the Constitution.

Nine years ago this month the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba held its twenty-fourth Annual Communication in this city, with at that time 60 lodges recorded upon its Grand Register and a membership of 2,870.

Of this registration, 12 lodges, with a membership of 469, were within the area over which this Grand Lodge now has jurisdiction.

To-day we meet in the second Annual Communication, with 34 chartered lodges, 13 under dispensation, and with a membership of about 2,000.

We heartily agree with these remarks:

In the matter of refusal to give dispensation to wear regalia at balls and gatherings where other than Masons are present and charges for admission are made, I am informed that some of the brethren feel this is rather too drastic. Brethren, it may be, but I detest to see a parade made of Masonry. Let our lives and conduct to the outside world be the proclamation that we are Masons, and not the wearing of the insignia of office or the apron proclaim it.

The committee on Condition of Masonry say:

That full and exhaustive reports have been received from the District Deputy Grand Masters of each of the seven Masonic Districts into which this Grand jurisdiction is divided. That Masonry is flourishing in Saskatchewan is evident from the glowing terms, such as "excellent," "flourishing," "very bright," etc., that are predominant in these reports; and we feel that it is but our duty to compliment all the District Deputy Grand Masters on their zeal, carefulness and ability.

The sum of \$1,000 was received from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as something more than the share of the new Grand Lodge in the old Benevolent Fund due them on separation. It was gratefully acknowledged, and the same ordered to be appropriated to the formation of a Benevolent Fund, to which Grand Lodge will add annually twenty per cent. of its surplus funds.

We also quote from the committee on the Address:

The committee note with particular pleasure that at last two lodges of instruction were held within our jurisdiction during the past year. These meetings invariably result in great good to the Craft, both profit and pleasure being gained thereby, and it is to be hoped that the number of such gatherings will be largely increased in future years.

The committee fully agree with the decision of the Grand Master regarding the wearing of the apron in public. It should only be worn when at work. If the brethren are desirous of wearing a distinguishing badge when attending divine service or at festive gatherings, we think a small ribbon or other such badge would be more fitting.

This latter suggestion is a very good one.

The address of the Grand Master is to be read in every lodge at the first meeting after its receipt, and it is to be mailed to the lodges within 30 days after the meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary has been a tower of strength to all the lodges, and to all the members "a guide, a counsellor, and a friend."

The expenses of the District Deputies are to be paid by a per capita tax on the district members, such tax to be levied by the Grand Secretary after an audit of the expense bills.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That no dispensation issue for the institution of a new lodge, unless the Canadian work be adopted, until the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

C. O. Davidson (Prince Albert), G. M.

Dr. John M. Shaw (Regina), G. S.

SCOTLAND

Quarterly Communication, Edinburgh, May 7, 1908.

The Grand Master, Sir Thomas Carmichael, received the congratulations of Grand Lodge on his appointment to a Colonial Governorship in Australia, with regrets that he should have to give up the Grand Mastership.

Charters were granted to new lodges in Newfoundland and Trinidad.

Grand Committee, May 21, 1908.

Syria.—There was also laid before the committee a letter from Bro. F. W. Larter, Proxy Master of Lodge Sunneen, Syria, No. 969, enclosing letters from that lodge in regard to the persecution to which they state their members are subject owing to their connection with the Craft. It was agreed to advise Bro. Larter that similar communications had previously been before the committee, and dealt with.

In connection with the ruling as given in par. 3, page 132 of Proceedings, Grand Secretary reported that Grand Lodge, at its meeting on 7th inst., had remitted the matter back to Grand Committee for further consideration.

Bro. George Dickson, seconded by Bro. William Phillips, moved that the ruling previously given be adhered to.

It was moved as an amendment by Bro. Joseph Inglis, seconded by Bro. W. Allan Carter, "That seeing there is no ritual authorized by Grand Lodge, lodges should be left free to give those secrets

according to their custom, provided it be done after the candidate has been admitted to the lodge working in the superior degree."

On a division, Bro. Dickson's motion was carried by 15 votes to 7.

Grand Committee, July 23, 1908.

Letters of date 4th May, 1908, and 11th May, 1908, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, intimating the unanimous approval of the Articles of Recognition which had been submitted by this Grand Lodge, were read. These letters conveyed the Grand Lodge of Western Australia's appreciation of the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in recognizing it as a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and there was enclosed a copy of a circular which the Grand Lodge of Western Australia had issued to its daughter lodges, removing all the disabilities which had been laid upon the Scottish lodges chartered since 1900. The committee expressed satisfaction at the terms of the letters and circular, and it was resolved that they be read to Grand Committee.

It was further resolved that Grand Lodge should be asked, at the next Quarterly Communication, to authorize the Articles of Recognition to be formally signed and sealed on behalf of Grand Lodge.

A new lodge was opened in Bengal, India.

Quarterly, Nov. 5, 1908.

Charters were granted to new lodges in Syria, Korea and Constantinople. The world-wide spread of Scotch Freemasonry is certainly remarkable.

The Most Honorable the Marquess of Tullibardine, M. V. O., D. S. O., was unanimously elected Grand Master Mason.

Annual Communication, Edinburgh, Nov. 30, 1908.

Charters were granted to three new lodges in Queensland and one in Burma, India.

The officers were installed and the Feast of St. Andrew duly celebrated. The speeches at the banquet were of a high order, but we have only space for a part of the reply of the Grand Master:

Perhaps some of you think that all we have to do is to go to Grand Lodge and have Quarterly Communications, and declare Grand Lodge opened and closed, but there are a great many committee meetings besides, and there is constant work looking after, not only our poorer brethren, but also the finances, as well as keeping in order the various component parts of the Craft, so far as concerns Scottish Freemasonry. I really don't know offhand how many Scottish Masons there are in the world, or how many daughter lodges there are, but during this year we have made 18 new ones, and when you realize that they are spread all over the world—from "Bailie Nicol Jarvie," Aberfoyle, to Burmah—it means a great deal of work starting them, and Grand Secretary has the

responsibility of seeing that they take up Masonry on the right lines, and keep up the Craft to the high standard that we all along have attained. I am glad to say that the finances are all in very good order. We have plenty of recruits. I am perfectly certain that, Mr. Haldane would be very glad if he could enlist 9,789 new members as we have done. The income of Grand Lodge has been £9,848, as against £10,325 in the previous year, a decrease of £477. In 1907 the income of Grand Lodge was £10,325, and the expenditure £4,493. This year the income is £9,848, and the expenditure £3,856. During 1908 the grants from the Benevolent Fund amount to £950, and the annuities to £2,522. The sum of £2,522 has been paid to annuitants this year, and since the formation of the Annuity Fund in 1899 the sum of £27,900 has been disbursed in this direction. The sum contributed this year to the fund by daughter lodges amounts to £1,330, as compared with £1,284 last year, and for the ten years, 1899 to 1908, the subscriptions have amounted to £8,953. The General Fund amounts to £20,927, the Benevolent Fund to £9,495, and the Annuity Fund to £70,652, making a grand total for the three funds of £101,074, exclusive of the heritable and movable property, which is valued at £25,200. Our total funds now amount, including our heritable property, to something like £126,000, so that I don't think we can be told that we are not in a flourishing condition financially. The other day I was looking over some Masonic letters belonging to one of my forbears, and I found that a new collar for the Grand Master was required, and the Grand Jeweler wrote and said, "In all my bills I am saying that the collar is made of gold, but for your worthy, private ear, I inform you that it is of silver gilt; it would never do to give away the poverty of the brethren to the public." (Laughter.)

Grand Committee, Nov. 26, 1908.

The following rulings were approved:

A Past Master of one lodge, of whose committee he is a member, cannot act as a Past Master on the committee of another lodge to which he is affiliated; but he, if the by-laws direct nothing to the contrary, may be a member thereof.

If a Past Master of a lodge visits another lodge, he is received as such; if he affiliates to another lodge, he ranks as an ordinary member thereof. If he comes to the lodge to which he is affiliated clothed as a Past Master of another lodge, he is treated as a Past Master of that lodge.

Grand Committee, Dec. 24, 1908.

A question regarding the law of arrears, which was put by the District Grand Secretary of Natal, was considered, and the following finding come to:

A complaint such as that made by the District Grand Secretary of Natal, so far as is known, has never been made until now. The brethren concerned, unless they plead poverty or inability to pay their annual contributions, are behaving in a most un-Masonic manner, but unless the Constitution and Laws are made to meet such cases, they cannot be proceeded against. Merely surrendering the charter for a time and then resuming the lodge under it, would not exclude the members in arrear.

It was thought advisable that the matter should be sent back to the District Grand Master for full enquiry into all the circumstances of the case and report.

A request to revive a dormant lodge in Western Australia, and to remove it to New South Wales, was very properly refused.

Grand Committee, Jan. 2, 1909.

A new lodge was opened at Umtali, in Southern Rhodesia, Africa.

David Reid (Edinburgh), G. S.

SCOTLAND

Grand Communication, Feb. 18th, 1909.

It was suggested that Grand Secretary be instructed to send a circular to the Provincial Grand Lodges, asking them to take whatever steps they might think necessary to warn the lodges against recognizing the so-called Grand Lodge of Queensland on the occasion of any of its members happening to visit a lodge.

A petition from certain members of the Scottish Constitution in Natal, forwarded by the District Grand Secretary there, was considered. The petitioners complained chiefly of men coming home on holiday and being accepted for initiation into lodges without proper enquiry. This practice was, in the opinion of the petitioners, detrimental to the best interests of Freemasonry in Natal. The Committee expressed sympathy with the petitioners, and resolved to bring the matter before Grand Committee for the information of the home lodges, in the hope that every just ground of complaint may be removed.

Permission was granted to a lodge at Lucknow, in India, to change the color of their clothing from pale blue to Stuart tartan. If this should become general, just fancy all the aprons, etc., in all the colors of the rainbow and more!

The Marquess of Tullibardine, G. M.

David Reid (Edinburgh), G. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Half-yearly Communication, Adelaide, Oct. 16, 1907.

Sir, S. J. Way, G. M.

The Grand Master made reference to the continued and increasing prosperity of the Craft, as shown in the opening of new lodges and the erection of a number of Masonic Halls.

A committee was appointed to revise the working of the degree of Installed Master, with power also to revise the signs of the three degrees and to arrange for an exemplification.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 15, 1908.

The assets are reported at over \$120,000. The relief expenditure during the year was over \$3,945.

Representatives were exchanged with Alberta.

The work was exemplified. The degree of Installed Master is not to interfere with the installation of officers. It is to be conferred after all the other ceremony is over.

The Grand Master was reëlected.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA

34th Communication, Mitchell, June 9, 1908.

William E. Milligan, G. M.

Bro. Milligan is a Canadian, born at Fingal, Ont. He is also our Grand Representative. As becomes a good Canadian, he did his work well, visited many lodges, learned their condition, made a number of sensible decisions, all of which were approved, opened four new lodges, and received the thanks of his brethren for his good services. In his opening he says:

The welcoming greetings of old friends, honored laborers in Masonic fields, are enhanced by the knowledge that here new and enduring friendships are being formed to further brighten and broaden our lives.

I bring you words of good cheer; our State, in its abundant prosperity, is striding forward. Masonry is keeping pace with that development, not only by the infusion of new blood, but many worthy brothers from other Grand jurisdictions are settling in our midst and uniting with us in advancing the tenets of our profession.

We bid them welcome.

Great organizations cannot remain stationery. Masonry is irresistibly moving forward to the accomplishment of its great unmeasured destiny. We, its stewards of to-day, individually and collectively, are to the extent of our abilities responsible to posterity for the faithful discharge of that trust.

We are taught by Precept, Rule and Example. The greatest of these is Example, for mankind knows no more potent agent in the Masonic labor of uplifting humanity than that of personal example, an immeasurable, ceaseless influence. The world very

properly expects from him who "Wears the Lambskin as the Badge of a Nation" the highest type of personal example.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Porto Rico.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Samuel A. Brown, M. D. His diagnosis is complete in every detail, and his treatment of the various topics indicates a wide acquaintance with the necessary remedies. We regret, however, to see that he approves of church parades in regalia. We do not, as we think that the audience will likely be more interested in looking at the display than in attending to the sermon. We also believe that Masonry should not be "made a show of." The only occasions on which Masonic clothing should be worn in public are two—the laying of a corner-stone of a public or Masonic building and the funeral of a deceased brother.

Canada for 1907 receives fraternal attention.

In his review of Iowa we find the following, showing one way to get clergymen in free, although forbidden by their Grand Lodge. They obey the letter of the law, but not the spirit:

For our brother's information we will say that since the embargo was placed upon the admission of clergymen free, the two lodges in Sioux Falls have received a number who have proved anything but "drones," by the expedient of contributing the amount individually. The Secretary presents the name and asks if any brethren wish to contribute. So far it has been contributed. Forty members give a dollar apiece. Members of one lodge contribute to pay the initiation fees for a clergyman to enter the other lodge.

Under "Michigan," Bro. Brown gives some very interesting historical notes:

The Grand Lodge of America, from which S. D. Masonry sprung, was painfully divided. Joseph Montfort, Grand Master, died in 1776, but Cornelius Harnett, Deputy Grand Master, was a very active and influential patriot, so much so that he was carried in triumph about the town on the shoulders of his fellow-citizens when the Declaration of Independence was read; seized by the British, he died in captivity. William Brimage, Grand Secretary, was so violent a Tory that he was chased about the forests and waters of North Carolina until he finally escaped to England. Sir John Johnson, Grand Master of Masons, of New York, from the Masonry of which State our brethren of Michigan are derived, was a violent Tory, and his attitude caused the complete disruption of his Grand Lodge, the brethren flocking over to the "Ancients" as a whole. John Rowe was only a mild Tory, but because he was Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston there was nothing heard of that Grand Lodge from 1776 to 1792.

The Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Allen, escaped on a British man-of-war, and the Grand Master of South Carolina, Edgerton Leigh, went to England in 1774 on account of the rebel sentiment, and never returned. And there was good fighting force on the British side. General James Grant did his King great service on Long Island at Monmouth, Brandywine and Germantown, and then sailed for the West Indies. He was no less a person than the Grand Master of Scottish Freemasons in the Southern District of North America. Lord Rawdon, who afterwards rose to such great Masonic preëminence under the title of the Earl of Moira, and gained such military renown as Marquess of Hastings, was the leading spirit on the British side at the disastrous battle of Camden, when Gates was literally cut to pieces. Rawdon found DeKalb, American general, on the field mortally wounded, and, seeing he was a Mason, cared for him, gave him a military funeral, and buried him with Masonic honors. Rawdon commanded the British at the defeat of General Greene in the same neighborhood later. General Bowler, who commanded the Creek Indians at Pensacola, 1780, was Grand Master of Masons for the Indians.

Joseph J. Davenport (Sturgis), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA

At the half-yearly Communication held at Hobart, on the 28th of August, 1908, the Board of General Purposes brought in a report on the procedure in regard to the uniformity of clearances and the conferring of degrees on brethren belonging to other jurisdictions, which was referred to the sister Grand Lodges of Australia and New Zealand, with a view to the adoption of some uniform system.

In the address of the Grand Master, Bro. C. E. Davies, we find the following:

In connection with Victoria, it has been my pleasure and privilege on behalf of the Masons of Tasmania to send a congratulatory letter to the new Governor of Victoria, Most Wor. Bro. Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, who, as most of the brethren know, was, and is at the present time, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It must be a source of much pleasure and gratification to us to find that members of the Craft in the Old Country are appointed from time to time to such distinguished positions in His Majesty's service. His Excellency wrote me a personal letter expressing his appreciation of my sentiments, and hoping at some future date, not far distant, to have the pleasure of meeting members of our Grand Lodge in Tasmania. I am sure all the brethren would be delighted to do honor to our distinguished brother whenever opportunity occurs.

We have learnt within the last day or two that His Excellency has consented to be nominated as Grand Master of Victoria at the December meeting, and Victorian Freemasons are to be congratulated on securing such invaluable services. * * *

I do not like to close these remarks without expressing the regret that I am sure we all feel that the term of office of the Governor-General of Australia is just coming to an end. We were unfortunate in not being able to meet His Excellency Lord Northcote so frequently as we would have liked to have done as one of our most distinguished Masons, but we are glad to join with the people of Australia in expressions of our appreciation of the splendid services that he has rendered to the people of this Commonwealth during his presidency over them, and to express a hope that continued health and prosperity may attend him and Lady Northcote for very many years.

On the Dawn of Freemasonry in Australia the following error was corrected:

R. W. Bro. Shipway writes: What I did say was that the brethren of New South Wales were all pleased that you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, were with us when we celebrated at the Town Hall, Sydney, on the 16th May, 1903, the "Centenary of the Dawn of Freemasonry in Australia"; and I further remarked, that the first regular lodge held in Sydney was the Lodge of "Social and Military Virtues," attached to the 46th Regiment, and holding a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, No. 227, dated 1752, and which said lodge practised duly recognized Masonic work in our city in the year 1816, and I expressed the hope that you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and many of your Grand Lodge Officers and brethren, would favor New South Wales with a visit in 1916, when we, or those of us who were spared, would celebrate the "Centenary of Freemasonry in our State."

I also mentioned that the first warrant granted to Sydney brethren to establish a lodge was from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the lodge was "Australian Social," No. 260, now "Australian Social Mother," No. 1 on our Register. The next lodge established was Lodge "Leinster Marine," No. 266, I. C., in 1824. The first lodge under the English Constitution was Lodge "Australia," No. 820, in 1828, and the first under the Scottish Constitution was "Australasian Kilwinning," established at Melbourne in 1843; and in 1851 Lodge "Sydney St. Andrew," No. 358, S. C., was established in Sydney.

TASMANIA

Annual Communication, Launceston, Feb. 24th, 1908.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

The Board of General Purposes think that Masonic services in regalia, *if properly conducted*, would be beneficial to the dignity and prestige of the Order, but the Grand Master will not permit any public parade through the streets in regalia.

The Grand Master's address was delivered at the close of the meeting. From it we make the following extracts:

During the past year the calls that have been made upon the Grand Lodge in the performance of Masonic duties have been very

numerous, but, notwithstanding this, the same enthusiasm which has ever been characteristic of the officers has been fully maintained, and I take this opportunity of assuring one and all of them how deeply I am indebted to them for the services they have rendered. * * *

It is again very gratifying to me to be in a position to congratulate the members on the steady growth of our Benevolent Fund, which now amounts to £3,100. Collections in the different lodges at installation meetings reach this year the very substantial amount of £123, and I am sure it must be a source of the greatest satisfaction to members to know that this innovation has been producing such excellent results, but we should do better. The suggestion made by V. W. Bro. Heathcote to ask each lodge to contribute a special donation, and forward it by their representatives to the Grand Lodge annual meeting, is well worthy the consideration of all lodges, and I should like to see effect given to it. I was very proud indeed to find that visiting brethren from our sister Grand Lodges last year warmly approved of these means of allowing one and all to contribute on special occasions to so worthy an object. Indeed, it was flattering to us to learn that so highly was it thought of that more than one of the sister Grand Lodges intended to follow our example. * * *

All the inspectors, too, have done excellent work, and the reports that have been presented show how zealous they have been in carrying out their duties. * * *

A rather novel event in our midst took place a short time since in the Pacific Lodge, when Bro. R. J. Harris celebrated his fifty years' jubilee as a Mason. As this was his mother lodge, a special complimentary function was held in his honor. Bro. Harris is now resident at George Town, and all the brothers, I am sure, will be gratified to congratulate him on so auspicious an event as his jubilee.

The Grand Master was reëlected.

John Hamilton (Launceston), G. S.

TENNESSEE

95th Communication, Nashville, Jan. 27, 1909.

Milton H. Price, G. M.

The Grand Master congratulated the Grand Lodge upon the peace and prosperity prevailing among the lodges. Domestic affliction prevented his visiting the lodges as frequently as he desired. The Grand Lodge passed a resolution of condolence on the death of his wife.

The oldest Mason in Tennessee, Bro. General John Ewing Garner, was introduced to the Grand Lodge, and received an ovation from the brethren.

During recess the Grand Lodge visited the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, where an inter-

esting program was carried out, much to the delight of all who were present.

A permanent home for all the Grand bodies has been secured in Nashville. A property was ordered to be bought for \$25,000, and a new building is to be erected at once:

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it is reprehensible to employ lodge seals and official titles and forms to solicit votes in the Grand Lodge by circulars addressed to sister lodges for that purpose, either with or without authority.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approves the course of the Grand Master in promptly using his authority to prevent the perversion of lodge symbols and powers to forward the interest of candidates, whether qualified or unqualified for the office sought.

And responding to the Grand Master's recommendation for an edict in lieu of the present resolution on the subject of Lodge Circulars, the committee makes the following recommendations as Edict No. 64:

"That no subordinate lodge, under penalty of forfeiture of charter, shall issue any circular to its sister lodges, asking aid or coöperation for any private purposes or personal object, except with the official approval of the Grand Master under Grand Lodge seal."

The Home has 131 inmates. The cost of maintenance for each person was \$96.71, a decrease from the preceding year of \$4.07.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers reports on Correspondence, and reviews our Proceedings of 1908.

Ed. K. Bachman (Bristol), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS

73rd Communication, Waco, Dec. 1, 1908.

W. Lee Moore, G. M.

The year was one of uninterrupted prosperity and substantial progress. Nine new lodges are reported. The Grand Master received satisfactory reports from a majority of the 101 District Deputies. But for their efficiency and diligence his labors would have been far greater, and the progress of the Craft would have been far shorter than it has been. On Spurious Masonry, Bro. Moore says:

In February I was advised by the Secretary of Corpus Christi Lodge, No. 189, that a lodge was organized at that place claiming to have a warrant from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. It is called Melchor Ocampo Lodge, No. 4, and claims to have been

organized by the Mexican-Texan Grand Lodge of San Antonio. I understand the rites are in the Spanish language, and for that reason my information concerning it is not very full.

In June some sort of a spurious lodge was organized at Brownsville called "Respectable Logia Estrella del Norte." The parties connected with this so-called lodge claim to be working the Scottish Rite under warrant emanating from Covington, Kentucky. All that I felt authorized to do was to advise the lodges located at those places that the so-called lodges were clandestine and spurious.

Bro. Moore is delighted with the reports on Correspondence:

I hope I may be pardoned for a word in commendation of the faithful services of the committee on Foreign Correspondence. They give their time and earnest thought to the preparation of these reports, and it seems to me that we do not appreciate their labors as we should.

Besides the valuable information found in their reports, they contain the flower of Masonic literature, culled with discrimination and much care from the Proceedings of all the Masonic Grand bodies with which we are in fraternal correspondence. From them we may learn what progress Freemasonry is making, not only in our sister Grand Lodges of the United States, but in foreign countries and the far-off isles of the sea. They show in a striking manner the universality of Masonry, and that in all the essentials Masonry in Texas is the same as in Canada, Scotland or New Zealand.

If I could induce a more general reading and study of these reports by the officers and members of lodges, I would feel that I had accomplished some good for our Fraternity.

The Home is in good condition. It is a matter of pride to the Texas Masons that in less than 60 years from the opening of the first lodge in Texas they had established, and were successfully conducting, a Home for the destitute widows and orphans of their deceased brethren.

The Grand Master condemns profanity in strong terms:

It is true that no lodge in this jurisdiction would long tolerate a member who was known to be an habitual drunkard or gambler, but it is greatly to be regretted that many lodges are too tolerant of the more prevalent vice of profanity. It is also true that the teachings and precepts of Masonry have done much to purify society of the baneful effects of drunkenness and gambling, yet there is much to be done to rid the lodges of those outwardly respectable men who habitually emit vile oaths. A Mason owes it to himself and to the Fraternity to be clean in his language, as he should be upright in his conduct and dealings with his fellow-men, if he would keep his white apron free from untempered mortar. For the slave to the habit of drink we can have some compassion, and for one who, from want and poverty, is tempted to steal to satisfy his hunger there is some excuse; but for the

man, claiming to be respectable, who is habitually guilty of using profane language, there is neither palliation nor excuse. Nothing can be more unbecoming a Mason. It is a useless habit. It is coarse and vulgar, suited only to the gambling house and the brothel. It is offensive to any person of refined sensibilities. What man could tolerate or excuse profanity in his wife or his mother? And yet, his wife or his mother has as much right to swear as he has; and, besides, she can swear without violating any obligation of Masonry, while he can not. What lodge would tolerate a member who would habitually use profane language in the lodge room? And yet the offence would be no greater for him to violate his obligation in the lodge room than in any other respectable society, on the streets or in public places. Indeed, he has the same right to emphasize his statements with profanity while the lodge is at labor as he has to interlard his conversation with vulgar oaths after the lodge has been closed. That man who habitually violates his obligation and the written law of Masonry by the use of profane language is out of place in a Masonic lodge, and, if he will not separate himself from his vices, the lodge ought, after fraternal warning, to separate him from Masonry by expelling him. Such a man brings the Fraternity into bad repute with the better class of citizenship. Let us cut loose from the profane swearer if he will not leave off his vicious habits. Let us purify our lodges of all who thus daily and habitually violate their obligation.

On the sending of circulars, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge condemns as un-Masonic the sending out or distribution by mail or otherwise of circulars, letters (printed or written), recommendations or endorsements of any Mason for any office in the Grand Lodge, whether the same be sent or approved by any subordinate lodge, committee or individual Mason, or number of Masons; and it is also declared to be un-Masonic for any committee of this Grand Lodge or the members thereof, or any caucus or combination of Masons, to electioneer for or use their influence in favor of the candidacy of any one for an elective office in this Grand Lodge; and, further, it shall be deemed un-Masonic for any Mason to electioneer with any lodge or Mason in order to obtain support or influence for himself for any office in this Grand Lodge. Any infraction of this resolution will subject the offender to charges of un-Masonic conduct.

The address of the veteran Past Grand Master, Bro. R. M. Elgin, carries one away back:

I esteem it as a high honor and privilege to be invited to speak a few words of greeting to my brethren of the Grand Lodge, and I am sure those who have known me long as a member will acquit me of having taken up much of its time in speechmaking, or of egotism. This is an anniversary of peculiar interest in my life, and reminds me of the changes I have witnessed in the growth and advancement of our country in the short period of a life-time, and also that I am becoming a sort of connecting link between the present and the past. It is just sixty-seven years since I crossed the narrow stream that divided the then Republic of Texas from the United States of America—a boy full of hope and eager for adventure. But as I drank a cup of water from the flowing stream

in token of becoming a citizen of the young republic, a feeling of sadness came over me as I remembered that I was renouncing my allegiance to the government for which my two grandfathers had struggled and helped to establish. But a few years later I rejoiced to see the Lone Star of Texas merged into the great constellation of American States. It is marvelous to think of the changes I have seen. When as a barefooted boy I went to the log cabin school with my geography under my arm, there were but two States west of the Mississippi River—the rest of that vast territory was almost an unexplored region. About twenty States have been created out of it, and admitted—all, in fact, but two territories, which will probably be admitted by the next Congress.

I first sat in this Grand Lodge in 1850, when George M. Patrick was Grand Master, and saw his successor, Thomas M. Hardeman, elected and installed. I was a member and present fifty years ago, when the present system of work was adopted, and which was so excellent and satisfactory that scarcely a change has been made in the ceremonial, and but few in the verbiage, since. For nearly a half century I have been almost a constant attendant and working member of the body, until prevented by physical infirmity, and in looking over the large assembly of Masons I am struck with its growth and progress. Around me are Masons whose gray hairs attest their age, mature wisdom, conservatism and experience. To them we can confidently entrust the preservation of the ancient landmarks. Here, too, we meet the young men, full of zeal and energy. They form the strength and governing force of the organization. I am glad to meet you all, and thank you for this opportunity of presenting my greetings.

The sum of \$100 was voted to bring the children of the Home to the next meeting of Grand Lodge, and to give a suitable programme.

We can endorse the following:

We heartily commend the wholesome and pertinent suggestions of the M. W. Grand Master in reference to the reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and we desire to emphasize the importance to the Craft in Texas of a careful reading and serious consideration of the very valuable Masonic information therein contained. It has been the good fortune of this Grand Lodge for the past twenty-five years to have as Chairman of that committee that able Masonic writer and scholar, R. W. Bro. Thos. M. Matthews, Sr., Past Grand Master, and his reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand jurisdictions has evolved for the benefit of the Craft in Texas the very best of thought and impulse that has governed the Masonic world, and has been of immeasurable benefit to those of our brethren who have followed these valuable collections, and your committee hopes with the Grand Master that the Craft in Texas will indulge a more general reading of these Reports on Foreign Correspondence, for in no other way can a more comprehensive view of Masonic thought and light be gathered than in a careful study thereof.

Bro. Matthews apologizes for his report, as he had been suffering from a severe and protracted illness. He has our heartfelt sympathy. However, we can

perceive no diminution in the quality of his work. Our Proceedings of 1908 receive a good notice. In his review of Illinois we find the following:

The Grand Master states that he had refused in every instance to grant permission to lodges to attend church services in a body, clothed in regalia, and the reasons given by him for such refusal appear to us to be both cogent and unanswerable. If there were no other reason, the fact, as he says, that there might arise trouble as to what church to attend would alone be sufficient.

J. J. Davis (Galveston), G. M.

John Watson (Waco), G. S.

VERMONT

115th Communication, Burlington, June 10, 1908.

Charles A. Calderwood, G. M.

The Grand Master attended seven of the District meetings, and he dwells on their importance and success. He has seen the work grow from crudeness to almost perfection, as nearly all the lodges now work. He also says:

It gives me great pleasure to be able to say that the reform inaugurated one year ago has been accepted by nearly all the Districts throughout the State. I refer to the manner of paying for the banquet. The old proverb is homely, though true, that those who dance must pay the fiddler. If a brother eats his supper at the hotel, he expects to pay for it; if he eats it in the Masonic banquet hall, is there any reason why he should not pay for it there?

I am pleased to say that the brethren are realizing this fact, and accepting it in the true Masonic spirit. The demands for Masonic charity are ever on the increase, and to meet them we must see that the unnecessary expenses are kept at the lowest possible limit, and this can be done by keeping the District meeting expenses as low as the good of the meeting will admit.

Saskatchewan was recognized.

Visitors must now have documentary evidence of their good standing where they reside.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is able and interesting. We quote the first part:

Some would-be critic of our good old Green Mountain State has said that "aside from her thick evergreen forests and deep snows, Vermont is chiefly noted for the sparsity and verdancy of her population," and the popular impression of Vermont, among the less well-informed, in many sections of our country, has been, in the past, that of a dense forest, with here and there a rude dwelling and a crude inhabitant, an occasional highway, rough and stony, inclined in one direction or the other to an angle of forty-

five degrees by hills and mountains which are pictured to succeed each other in rapid succession.

I am free to confess that, so often have I heard these and similar theories advanced, even by intelligent citizens of our own commonwealth, that I had been deluded into believing that it was my misfortune to be born and reared in the backwoods, where my dwelling-place was continued for the reason that my pastoral nature could not appreciate the wonders which lay beyond the limits of Lake Champlain and the Connecticut River.

Should there chance to be another member of this Grand body whose mind has been similarly perverted, I would say to such an one that no more positive method of removing this delusion can be found than that of attending one circuit of District meetings of the Masons of Vermont.

During the past two years it has been indeed a privilege to me to attend twenty-seven District meetings, held in twenty-six different towns and cities of this Grand jurisdiction, wherein were gathered nearly seven thousand men, representing, and thoroughly representative of, every honorable calling of life, in each of which meetings the interest, the enthusiasm and the standard of work performed have been all that the lover of the best things in Masonry could desire.

Our Proceedings of 1907 are well attended to. In his concluding remarks, Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, after discussing the Queensland matter, proceeds thus:

The action of Scotland in not only continuing the erection of lodges, but of District Grand Lodges, on American territory, may bring the jurisdictional question nearer home to American Grand Lodges than has been thought possible. One might have thought fraternal comity would have restrained "Auld Reekie" from further activity in the Hawaiian Islands, but the jingle of guineas and pounds, coupled with the tinkling of shillings and pence, has apparently proved too much for her cupidity. The erection of a Grand Lodge within and for the Islands can be predicted safely as of the near future, and unless Scotland enters upon a different course than that of the past and present, American Grand Lodges, especially those of the United States, will find a question of "fraternal courtesy" towards the mother Grand Lodges of the world brought home to them weighted with something besides expediency and shuffling uncertainties. Meanwhile, to avert a threatened contest, and to reduce the possibilities of the evils of the same to a minimum, every Grand Lodge in the country should enter a fair protest against the continued Masonic domination in any measure by foreigners of American territory, wherever found.

Lee S. Tillotson (St. Albans), G. M.

Henry H. Ross (Burlington), G. S.

VICTORIA

Quarterly Communication, Melbourne, March 18, 1908.

George E. Emery, G. M.

His visit to Tasmania is thus related:

The M. W. Grand Master said that during the last week in February he had had the pleasure of paying a visit to Tasmania,

in connection with the reëlection, for the thirteenth time, of M. W. Bro. Charles Davies. He had with him twenty officers, and the Deputy Grand Master of New South Wales had a similar number, and there were also representatives from South Australia and New Zealand, so that there was a very representative gathering. They had spent a very pleasant week, and appreciated the meeting there with other brethren, and the opportunities it gave of exchanging views on various matters. He thought such meetings would have a good effect on Freemasonry, because they came in contact with Freemasons from all parts of Australia and New Zealand, and although they had no formal conference, they had held conversation on important matters, and were able to assist one another in solving problems they had in view.

A new Lodge was formed at Ballam.

A brother was censured for having disclosed to other brethren information of a confidential nature which was sent to the Secretary of the lodge.

They have 192 lodges. The membership is not given.

The increase in the funds for the year was a record one, being £1,893. Balance on hand is over £14,000.

We do not know how they conduct their elections, but the work of the scrutineers occupied three days and a considerable portion of two nights. They received a cordial vote of thanks.

The three degrees and the Installation Ceremony were exemplified by a special committee.

VICTORIA

Quarterly Communication, Melbourne, Sept. 16th, 1908.

George E. Emery, G. M.

The M. W. Grand Master said there were two or three matters which he wished to refer to, and thought this would be the proper place to do it. They knew that M. W. Bro. Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael would be nominated for the position of their Grand Master in December. He had great experience as a worker in Freemasonry, and he had no doubt that they would be very glad to have him as their Grand Master. He himself would be pleased to serve under him as Pro Grand Master. He was sure that the Governor would soon become acquainted with them.

Some days ago they had a very happy time in entertaining some of the Freemasons belonging to the American fleet. He was sure the meeting was interesting, not only to the Americans, but also to brethren from the other States. There was a comparatively small number of Freemasons in the fleet, only about 80, the reason being that the men were principally young. He knew that there were many on board the fleet who would have been with them, but were detained by duty.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Thomas Carmichael, G. M. of Scotland, visited the Grand Lodge, and was warmly welcomed.

The following regulation was adopted. It was explained to be an additional safeguard and to bring some lodges up to a higher standard:

The Grand Master shall have power by notice in writing, addressed to the Grand Secretary, to prohibit the initiation of any candidate proposed for initiation into Freemasonry, and by a like notice may prohibit the passing or raising of any brother.

Quarterly, Dec. 17th, 1908.

Eight new lodges are reported.

The Masonic Hall property, where the lodges and Grand Lodge have been meeting for 20 years, was bought by the Grand Lodge for £30,000.

Sir Thomas Carmichael was elected Grand Master. John Braim (Melbourne), G. S.

VIRGINIA

130th Communication, Richmond, Feb. 11, 1908.
Silvanus J. Quinn, G. M.

The Grand Master, after referring to the prosperous condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction, proceeds with an able exposition of the principles of the Craft, from which we quote the following:

Brethren, the Institution we here represent is the most ancient and honorable of all human institutions. It is the institution of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and as such it has stood the test of time, the misrepresentations and wicked assaults of its enemies, and is to-day stronger numerically, financially and morally than in any period of its past history. It is and has been patronized by the noblest men of all ages, and even kings, princes and potentates consider it an honor to be enrolled among its membership. It challenges the admiration of the civilized world, and the love and loyalty of every Mason. We love Masonry. We love it for its magnificent past, its glorious present and more glorious future. We love it for its sublime teachings, its high and noble purposes, its uplifting, elevating influences, for its universality, uniting men of every country, sect and opinion, and for its adaptability to every man who conforms to its precepts. We love it for its antiquity, it having existed "from time immemorial." And if you ask me what that phrase means, I will call to my aid the etymologist, who tells you it means "beyond the time of memory," "extending beyond the reach of record or tradition." Therefore, if we would know the origin of Free Masonry we must turn back the pages of Time to the beginning. If we could interrogate the fathers of the past centuries as to its origin, they would send back

the phrase we now use, and answer, "From time immemorial." If we could go still further back and inquire of the Saints John, to whom Christian Masons dedicate their lodges, or ask King Solomon the Wise, who erected that magnificent Temple that crowned the eminence of Mount Moriah, and to whom our Ancient brethren dedicated their lodges; or if we could inquire of Moses the meek, who constructed the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, where in dwelt Jehovah in the midst of His people, Israel, and which was to serve as a model for King Solomon's Temple; or if we could go still further back to righteous Noah, who built the Ark by Divine direction to save life from utter destruction by the deluge that swept away man and beast and every creeping thing upon the face of the earth, save those that found refuge in that floating palaeae, and consult him, the same refrain would greet our ears. Masonry is "from time immemorial." And although it may antedate the written record of time and the oral tradition of man, it has an origin. And who knows but that when God said, "Let there be light, and there was light"—light that illuminated the world—that with it came forth the light of Masonry to light up and adorn the mind of man, and from thence the God-given principles of Masonry were transmitted from generation to generation until the present time? Who can assert or prove to the contrary?

Amongst others, he decided the two following points:

Three members of a lodge met in the lodge room the day of a stated communication, with one visitor. The three were Senior Warden, Secretary and private member. Business transacted: Private member dimitted, Secretary resigned, accepted and dimitted; Senior Warden resigned, accepted and dimitted. The lodge was then closed. The dimitted Secretary, under seal, submitted the question of legality. Held, that the communication was illegal, and all business transacted thereat was null and void and of no effect whatever. Ordered, that the proceedings of the meeting be expunged from the record book.

Can a lodge meet and confer a degree on Sunday? No. The Great Light in Masonry teaches us that in six days God created the heaven and the earth and rested on the seventh, which He hallowed and made a day of rest for the ages, for man and beast, and "the seventh, therefore, our ancient brethren consecrated as a day of rest from their labors," and we must obey God and do as did our ancient brethren.

He attended the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple, in Washington, on the invitation of the Grand Master of the District of Columbia, and was highly gratified by his reception.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Queensland were recognized.

We congratulate our brother reporter, Bro. Jos. W. Egglestone, on his elevation to the Grand East.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1907 he has a complimentary word for our system of Lodges of Instruction.

The following is a good plan and might be adopted in Virginia to advantage, in addition to our present work along the same lines. It was as to Lodges of Instruction or District Lodges.

These meetings are very useful in several ways. There is always some brother present who is an authority on the work, and mistakes are corrected before officers from every lodge in the district. At least three lodges take part in the exemplification of degrees, an honest rivalry to excel is created in each set of officers, and the work is so placed before new lodges and those who have not much chance of seeing any but their own work, and is an education for their future guidance. They also bring together brethren from all parts of the district at least once a year for fraternal and social fellowship, as well as instruction. I would urge upon each incoming District Deputy Grand Master to have at least one lodge of instruction held in his district during his year of office.

For terseness of expression, the following review of the Grand Lodge of Egypt is unsurpassed :

EGYPT—1906.

Idris Bey Ragher, G. M.

Cairo, October 8th.

The rest in Arabic. Excuse me.

Jos. W. Eggleston (Richmond), G. M.

Geo. W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

A very interesting history of St. John's lodge, No. 36, of Richmond, by Bro. Jos. W. Egglestone, is published in full in the Proceedings, from which we quote the following very interesting paragraph :

Had we the record of these lost years we would read of candidates rushed through the degrees that they might have the protecting shield of Masonry on fields of strife, when lying wounded in the cold rain, or when starving in Northern prisons. We would read of cases of dire distress relieved by those who lacked the comforts and all but the necessities of life themselves. And we might read tales of acts of brotherly kindness shown by Masons in Blue to Masons in Gray. When Richmond fell, on that sad day in April, 1865, when fire raged unchecked through her streets, and long-hidden hoodlums came forth to plunder and devastate, horror held her people. What was to be their fate, when, added to all their troubles, the dreaded enemy should come? And yet when a Connecticut regiment of cavalry, the advance guard of Weitzel's Army of the James, rode up Franklin Street to avoid the fire raging nearer the river, the colonel saw the words "Masonic Hall." He commanded "Halt!" and detailed a captain and a guard, all, like himself, Masons, and protected that building, ordering that none but Masons should enter the doors. A few days thereafter General Weitzel, also a Mason, sought out the Master of one of the lodges and urged that a meeting be called. When it was assembled there were present a few old men of Richmond and a large number of soldier Masons wearing the blue uniform, and no trouble was too great for them in devising measures for the relief of Richmond's stricken people, and especially of those with Masonic claims upon their kind officers.

WASHINGTON

51st Communication, Tacoma, June 16, 1908.

Ralph C. McAllaster, G. M.

He reports ten new lodges, two of them at Valdez and Fairbanks, in Alaska. He refused all applications for dispensations to confer degrees out of time or to waive residence requirements.

The State has outgrown the plan of instruction and visitation by a Grand Lecturer, and it was decided to adopt the system of District Deputies. The jurisdiction was divided into ten districts. The District Deputy is to visit every lodge in his district at least once during the year, and his expenses are to be paid by the lodges.

A section of the Code was amended to read as follows, the penalty of expulsion being inserted:

Hereafter it shall be a Masonic offence, with the penalty of expulsion, for a Mason in this jurisdiction to enter into the business of selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Provided, this shall not apply to Masons engaged in the business June 1st, 1897.

The following special report of Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick, Chairman of Correspondence, was adopted:

During the past year a Grand Lodge has been formed in the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada, with the consent and concurrence of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

This Grand Lodge is in all respects regular, and is entitled to the support and recognition of this Grand Lodge.

Requests for recognition have been received from the following Grand bodies:

Grande Oriente d'Italia.

Gran Logia "Cosmos" (Chihuahua, Mexico).

Gran Logia de Chile.

Grand Lodge of Greece.

The first of these, the Grande Oriente d'Italia, is in fraternal relation with the Grand Orient of France, is atheistical in its inclinations, and political in its practices. It is the opinion of your committee that it should not receive recognition.

The evidences before your committee are insufficient to warrant the conclusion that the Gran Logia "Cosmos" and the Gran Logia de Chile are sovereign grand bodies, independent of the Scottish Rite.

The Grand Lodge of Greece is one of two so-called Grand bodies, each claiming to be genuine, free from all un-Masonic alliances, and independent of any superior authority, and each insisting that the other is clandestine. Nothing is offered that would warrant the Grand Lodge of Washington in taking part in

the controversy or assuming to say that either body was sovereign in its own territory.

Your committee is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Greece is not entitled to recognition.

Enough has been said in our several correspondence reports to indicate our views upon the Queensland controversy. In 1905 recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland was postponed, out of deference to the Grand Lodge of England, with the hope expressed that the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland would yield recognition and encouragement to the new Grand Lodge. This has not been done. Ireland earnestly endeavored to conciliate the differences existing between the Grand Lodges of Queensland, and England and Scotland, but its influence was outweighed, and those Grand bodies are persistent in their determination to discredit the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The new Grand Lodge was formed by a sufficient number of regular lodges. All lodges, of whatever constitution, were invited to join in the movement. The Grand Lodge in no way interferes with the work or questions the legitimacy of the lodges which have so far refused to join. Its course has been consistent, dignified and just. There being no manifest disposition on the part of England or Scotland to settle the controversy on terms other than the annihilation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and for reasons appearing to one not directly concerned to be trivial, sentimental and unreasonable, the reason for our resolution of 1905 no longer exists. Wherefore the following is offered:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Queensland be recognized.

That the request for recognition from the Gran Logia "Cosmos" and the Gran Logia de Chile be postponed for further consideration.

That the requests for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Greece and the Grande Oriente d'Italia be refused.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. CHADWICK, Committee.

The office of Grand Historian was created, and Bro. William H. Gorham was selected to fill it.

On the "illegitimate" question, Bro. Chadwick has this to say in his review of British Columbia:

Bro. Smith believes that a person born out of wedlock is ineligible. He reasons thus:

"Because a candidate for Masonry must be 'descended of honest parents.' His illegitimate birth may not be the fault of the candidate, but neither is it a man's fault that he is born blind, or that he is born in servitude. In such a case, while we sympathize with the man's misfortune, we recognize that he cannot be made a Mason, and so with one born 'out of wedlock.'"

We have no sympathy with either the analogy or the conclusion. The one is rejected because of physical infirmity rendering him incapable of conforming to the requirements of our ritual. The other would be rejected through no fault or misfortune of his own. The idea that an indiscretion of the parent fixes the character

of the child for all time is absurd, and can no longer be tolerated. If we are to consider one, why not the third and fourth generation back? If so, we fear that many men, eminent in Masonry and in the pursuits of politics, business, and the church, would be proscribed. Many patrons of modern Christianity are unwilling to admit that Jesus Christ was born in wedlock. His parents were honest, and He lived to be the Light of the World.

He quotes from our report of last year, and says :

He then goes into an elaborate exposition of the Order of Illuminati, which exercised such a potent influence over the events preceding the French Revolution. Masonry should have no controversy with the Catholic Church. The Church is doing a great work, as is the Masonic Fraternity. The rule of the Church has been greatly relaxed against secret societies, and, in time, it will remove the ban from Masonry.

I have always felt that the attitude of the Catholic Church toward us grew out of a misconception of the facts. It has been struck, outraged, its property confiscated, its sacred edifices pillaged, and its holy vessels desecrated, by those who assumed to be, and whom it believed to be, Freemasons. We have had occasion to and have frequently sought the opinion of individual Catholics with reference to Masonry, and we have yet to find one who does not honestly believe that Freemasons, French, English or American, are one and the same, and all allied against the Church of Rome. They do not understand that we denounce and detest the professions and practices of those Grand Orients on the Continent, which, being controlled by scheming politicians, have, by denying the all-wise Creator of the Universe and removing the Holy Bible from their altars, put these so-called Masonic bodies further from the pale of Freemasonry than is the Catholic Church itself.

With the liberal spirit prevailing in the United States, in England and its dependencies, we doubt not that the Church will, in time, realize that we are not its enemy, but its coadjutor in its fight against the atheistic monstrosities which have stolen our name to give credit to their machinations. The livery of heaven is the favorite garb of those who would serve the devil.

On the use of the black ball we can cordially agree with the following, as we have had a similar experience :

It has happened within our own experience that a name has been presented to the lodge of one with whom we had no social or business intercourse ; in fact, we had had a "falling out" and did not speak. The question naturally arose, Is it your duty to black-ball the petitioner? You have had differences with him ; he was in the wrong. To allow his presence in the lodge would tend to weaken it, for elements that cannot be bound together by the cement of brotherly love should have no place in the structure we are rearing. But is this the only side to the question? Here is a man recommended by brothers in whose judgment and integrity you have confidence. He is a successful business or professional man ; his standing in the community is as good as your own. The public with whom he is in daily contact believes in him. Then,

too, he thinks you were in the wrong, and suppose he were in the lodge, and you were the petitioner.

Thus reasoning, we concluded that we had no right to interpose our spite as a bar. A man who has lived as long in a community, whose life is equally open, and who has as many friends, has as much right to be a Mason as you have, and when he is brought to light and his eyes behold the altar and the furniture of the lodge and the very presence of his supposed enemy, he will realize that there is something in Masonry above the littleness of mere man. Your difference will disappear without mention, and you will both become better Masons than you would have been otherwise, and friends and brothers indeed.

Royal A. Gove (Tacoma), G. M.

Horace W. Tyler (Tacoma), G. S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Quarterly Communication, Perth, July 26, 1907.

Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, G. M.

The address contains food for reflection:

We meet at a time of the year when lodges are very busy, and when all kinds of attractive programmes at theatre and concert room and ball room prove how strong must be the affection of members for their lodges, when such good attendances can be heard of all over the jurisdiction.

It has been a great pleasure to myself to notice the marked improvement in the working of the lodges. Not only are the Masons better Craftsmen, but the manner in which the work is done is more reverent and therefore more impressive, showing that the brethren are animated by a more earnest spirit.

We are all anxious that all shall be well and truly done, and that this is so we are indebted in no small degree to the work of the Grand Inspector of Workings and the Grand Director of Ceremonies. At the same time permit me to offer a word of warning. It is possible to become too exacting in our demands; it is possible to make the working of the lodge a burden involving a great effort of memory instead of a delight. It is possible to drive away brothers whose memory is not of the best, but whose hearts may be of the warmest. Let us beware of this, which I gather from observations made to me may be a real danger and do us harm.

The best orators are not always the most fluent. I have heard men speak in halting tones, but the fire behind the words forced them upon the attention of others and carried conviction with them. I am sure that many of the older brethren will welcome this word of warning, and I know from what I remember of early years that the younger ones will perhaps think it is slow—let me remind them of the old saying, "Hasten slowly."

A new lodge was opened at Greenbushes. A petition for one in the Metropolitan area was refused, as that district was already sufficiently supplied.

A circular was issued against the admission of visitors hailing from lodges erected by foreign authority since the formation of the Grand Lodge.

Recognition was refused to the Grand Orient of Greece, as the Grand Lodge of Greece had possession and authority there.

It was ordered that "undress regalia" should be procured for the Grand Master and Pro Grand Master.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, Oct. 25, 1908.

The death is announced of Bro. Michael Samson, Past Pro Grand Master, whose eminent services had been greatly appreciated. He was a member for over 40 years, and was known throughout the Colony for his kindness and sympathy for those in distress.

Quarterly, Jan. 24, 1908.

The sum of \$500 was voted for the inauguration of a Masonic Library and Museum for Grand Lodge.

The difficulty with England, which arose out of their recognition of Queensland, has been happily adjusted. The Grand Master says:

I am glad to be able to report that what might have become an unfortunate and regrettable incident between myself and the Grand Lodge of England is now at an end. I think all I need say about this matter is that, although naturally I regret the fact that the Grand Lodge of England was unable to see the matter from my point of view, still I am pleased to tell you that there was a clearly expressed desire that the incident should be considered as closed. This fact, together with the prospect of an early settlement of the difficulty in Queensland itself, will, I hope, be satisfactory to mention to Grand Lodge. I, personally, and the Board of General Purposes, have had a very anxious time during the past year. I cannot thank the Board, or indeed Grand Lodge, sufficiently for the sympathy and the help extended to me during a trying time. The happy issue of this incident is in the main due to the efforts of three of our most worthy brethren—M. W. Bro. Dr. Hackett, M. W. Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, and, of course, the Grand Secretary. I think it would be fitting if Grand Lodge would thank them for their eminent services.

Quarterly, April 23, 1908.

For the sixth year in succession there is not a single lodge in the entire jurisdiction in arrears. Truly a remarkable record. On their present condition the Grand Master thus reports:

In 1900 this Grand Lodge was established with 33 lodges and a membership of 2,000. To-day there are 85 lodges on the roll—83 of which are working—with a total membership of 3,878, showing an increase for the present year of 134. The lodges exhibiting the

largest increase of membership during the year are Wagin and Phillips River, while the greatest falling-off has taken place in the ranks of Boulder, which were reduced by 13. The Lodge of St. John has still the largest membership, while Southern Cross has displaced Boulder from second place.

We also copy part of the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings:

Total visits for quarter number 11, and those for the year number 73.

As time and business engagements have prevented me from visiting country lodges, my report, generally speaking, refers to lodges in the metropolitan area.

The work of the several lodges visited is excellent and carried out in an impressive manner, and while there are minor points where improvement might be made, yet I have for the most part found little to adversely criticize and much to commend.

The thoroughness of the work is due in a great measure to the enthusiasm and interest of the brethren, as shown by the large number of rehearsals of degree work held during the past year.

That the influence of lodge rehearsals has produced greater interest and has been the means of much uniformity and accuracy

The question of uniform working has been the cause of some concern, but this problem is gradually being solved. Previous to the adoption of our own ritual in Western Australia there were many rituals of Sister Constitutions in use, and each brother thought his own the best, but as we have many young members of the Craft making rapid advancement and becoming good exponents of our ritual, the older members, seeing the work and continually hearing it, are becoming convinced that our own ritual possesses all the essentials necessary for the proper presentation of Freemasonry to the mind of the candidate.

The membership is gratifyingly increasing, and there is every evidence that the lodges have exercised prudence in the selection of material, and that they have not sacrificed personal qualifications in their zeal for numerical strength, yet I have to advise the exercise of greater care than ever in the endeavor to keep out undesirable candidates.

The Articles of Recognition agreed upon by the Grand Lodge of Scotland were adopted. Scotland agrees not to open any new lodges in Western Australia.

The efficient services of Bro. Riley were recognized by his unanimous reelection as Grand Master.

The report on Correspondence is the work of seven members of the committee, and it is very well done indeed. Our Proceedings of 1907 receive a good notice, with special compliments to Grand Master Burritt and the Chairman of Necrology, P. G. M. Harding.

The committee are not yet up to all the "Americanisms" of Masonry in the United States. They frankly express their ignorance of the meaning of a "blind tiger," and agree with Bro. Frank J. Thompson of North Dakota in holding that "total abstinence" is not an ancient landmark. By the way, Bro. Thompson proves his point by producing the dietary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, founded in England in 1788, in which it appears that the girls had beer every day at dinner and four times a week at supper.

On the Queensland question we have the following deliverances:

We here feel that the Grand Lodge of Queensland has come to stay, and with a better knowledge of local conditions than our American brethren, unhesitatingly say that the formation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was not only regular and justified, but in the true interests of Freemasonry in that jurisdiction, was advisable. We have given effect to that opinion by granting full recognition.

Freemasons in Australia are determined that Freemasonry on this continent is to be controlled by Australian Freemasons, and not by those on the other side of the globe, and the sooner the Grand Lodges of the Old Country realize this the sooner will we have Freemasonic peace. Our American brethren have ever been quick to grasp the position and to grant us that recognition to which they felt we were justly entitled.

From the review of Georgia:

This eloquent opening is typical of what follows. Surely it is a matter for pride, yea more than pride, to every Mason in the four quarters of the globe to read the records of the various Grand Lodges year by year, and find therein, in almost every case, expansion in numbers, increased usefulness, better organization, and a more general practice of Masonic ideals, due largely to greater discrimination in admission of new material. What this state of things is likely to lead to in the future it is difficult to forecast. It can, however, only have the one tendency, and that is to uplift mankind and promote brotherly love, charitableness in its most ample form, and increase the happiness of the human race.

On the collective ballot:

The system of collective voting is not unknown to us, and we do not see the objection to it that M. W. Bro. Johnson does. Of course, difference in working the collective ballot may account for the difference of opinion on its merits. We have seen the collective ballot worked successfully on these lines: The lodge agrees to take a collective ballot on the distinct understanding that if the result be "cloudy," the material is collected and redistributed for individual ballots. Thus the identity of the author of the "cloudy" vote is not revealed, nor is any injustice done to the candidates against whom he had no exclusive feeling, nor are the voters' hands in any way tied.

Had the ballot in the instance referred to been a collective one on the above lines, and the ballot all clear, the seven candidates would have been declared duly elected, but had the ballot been "cloudy," individual ballots would have eventually identified the undesirable candidate or candidates.

The system of collective ballots, especially where Freemasonry is worked in such a wholesale manner as to bring seven candidates to the ballot on one and the same evening, is surely a great time-saver. Fancy the time that would be required in an average size lodge to distribute the material, take the ballot, and collect the material again seven times. That this must be done if the collective ballot proves "cloudy" we admit, but the chance of it being clear makes it worth trying when more than one candidate is up for ballot.

On the "railroading" of candidates:

The writer is too conservative for such rapid progress, and prefers to burn the ceremonies of the various degrees on the consciences of candidates by such impressive working as will make each one feel that all remarks are addressed to him and all instructions are for his guidance. When more than one candidate is being dealt with, it must always detract from impressiveness, sometimes create levity, and generally allow the self-confident man to feel that certain remarks cannot apply to him, and must therefore have been made for the benefit of the "other fellow." Again, what are the peculiar objects of the third degree? Do they naturally suggest wholesale dealing? Do they not clearly point to the road that each of us must travel, and alone? In some parts of Germany it takes anything up to two years from the time of nomination to that of conferring the first degree, and about nine years to reach the degree of M.M.; the majority of brethren never rising above the rank of E.A.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA

44th Communication, Fairmont, Nov. 11, 1908.

James A. Bryan, G. M.

We quote part of his opening:

As the years go by the institution of Freemasonry loses none of its force and power. Its principles are as enduring as the ages, because its teachings are founded upon the excellent tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth, and having for its cardinal virtues temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, and being devoted to the right and the uplifting of mankind and believing in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and accepting the teachings of the Holy Bible, the Gréat Light in Masonry, as the guide to our faith and standing for purity of life, nobility of character, good citizenship, and just and liberal government of the affairs of the people, it shall continue to grow and prosper and attract the best men of the ages to come, as it ever has in the past.

The Grand Master refused all requests for dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular order. He

believes that the "hurry-up" process is not good, either for the lodge or for the candidate. He thanks the District Deputies for their efficient services. On Foreign Correspondence he says:

During the year the Grand Secretary suggested to me that three hundred copies of the Foreign Correspondence Report, at a cost of \$50.00, be printed and distributed at this Grand Communication, and if approved by the brethren, in the future a sufficient number be printed to supply the subordinate lodges. I heartily approved the suggestion and authorized the printing of the same, believing this transaction would be approved by this Grand Lodge. It is our duty to spread true Masonic light and knowledge. The work of the committees on Correspondence represents the carefully condensed thoughts of some of the brightest Masons who have been selected for this purpose, and I have long been under the impression if their work could be brought to the attention of the brethren in some attractive form we would have a more intelligent constituency, and the brethren have a knowledge of what is going on in the Masonic world and the Grand jurisdictions with whom we are in cordial relation. I recommend that in the future the Grand Secretary have a sufficient number of copies printed for distribution among the lodges of this Grand jurisdiction, and I suggest that in this connection, in the review of the several Grand jurisdictions where certificates for visiting lodges are required, that he so note it at the close of such reviews.

Recognition of "Cosmos" and the Grand Orient of Spain was refused, but Valle de Mexico ran the gauntlet successfully.

Following out the recommendation of the Grand Master, the committee on Jurisprudence reported that the perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates should be abolished, and that three years should be the limit. This amendment was ordered to be sent to the lodges and to be voted upon next session.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. H. R. Howard, P. G. M. and Grand Secretary. We find it a very excellent and sensible report. In his notice of Alabama he says:

In Alabama an objection, made either publicly or privately to the Master, is permitted to estop an E. A. or F. C. from advancement. The Grand Master argued against this "stabbing in the dark" without opportunity of defending, and recommended that the objector should be compelled to prefer charges within a reasonable time against the petitioning brother if he knew of any just and sufficient reasons for his estoppel from advancement. I do not notice that any action was taken on the recommendation, but the Grand Master was right in his contention. For years West Virginia patiently bore with a similar unjust regulation, but happily several years ago the law was changed so that a vote of one-third on proficiency (and that is what the ballot is really on) is now required to defeat the advancement of a younger brother.

And yet there are some who claim this is in derogation of the ancient law of Masonry, which required a clear ballot for each degree, overlooking the fact that this may have been fair and just when all of the business was transacted in an E. A. lodge, and all E. A.'s voted and participated therein. Reason and justice say that when the custom and law was changed so that all business comes before and is passed upon in M. M. lodges, that E. A.'s and F. C.'s are ballotted upon therein for advancement, and have no voice in its affairs, not even the right to appear in public processions or entitled to Masonic burial, that "old things passed away" and a new order established.

Under "British Columbia" we quote:

All requests for dispensations to confer degrees in less time than is required by the Constitutions were denied, which was the right thing to do, and the example could be followed with benefit to the candidate as well as the Craft by other Grand Masters who are prone to permit the "railroading" through the several degrees of persons who do not understand the work and its teachings at the time, nor appreciate it afterward. If Masonry is worthy of any consideration, it is worth waiting for and studying the length of time required by the written rules and regulations of the several Grand Lodges. "Quick lunches" seldom digest properly and are inimical to a healthy condition of the body.

Our Proceedings of 1908 receive a good notice, with numerous quotations. On one of Bro. Freed's decisions he says:

His ruling on the necessity of there being an equal number of white and black balls arose from the fact that while in some lodges "sufficient white balls are provided for all members present, there are but two or three black balls." This, he thinks, makes it easy to insure a favorable result by an interested or unscrupulous deacon or others, by abstracting the black balls. I wonder if he had heard of the Ohio case where the black balls were glued fast to the bottom of the box.

He commends our method of practical relief:

This Grand jurisdiction is to be commended for its broad and practical Masonry in aiding worthy brothers, their widows and orphans. Grants made for this purpose out of Grand Lodge funds during the year amounted to \$28,291.30, and by individual lodges sums aggregating \$15,000.00.

Emmet M. Showalter (Fairmont), G. M.

H. R. Howard (Point Pleasant), G. S.

WYOMING

34th Communication, Sheridan, Sept. 2, 1908.

Francis S. King, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is more than excellent. He visited extensively, travelling about 3,500 miles, 468 of them by stage. On the condition of the Craft he says:

The official year just closed has been one of healthy growth, both in membership and in financial conditions. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our borders, and the only strife that has been brought to my knowledge has been "as to who best could work." In travelling throughout this Grand jurisdiction I have constantly held this matter of work before the lodges. The work, as commonly so called, sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, I am glad to say, is strictly followed by all the lodges that I have visited, so far as understood by them; and the officers and members have welcomed any information that was needed. But to convey the true inward meaning, the hidden teaching, and even the history of the ceremonials should be studied; and it has been my aim to incite and encourage the study of what Masonry really means and teaches, among the officers and members, more than the form that we use to convey those truths.

Three new lodges were reported. To emphasize the great extent of their State, Bro. King gives the following illustrations:

Curiosity prompted me to look into the amount of territory covered by some of our subordinate lodges, and I would like to draw your attention to some of them, which demonstrates the distance some of the members have to travel to attend lodge meetings, and also the drawback to those who are seeking initiation and needing coaching for examination. It also answers the criticism sometimes passed on Grand Masters of this jurisdiction for granting dispensations allowing the conferring of the degrees without examination, sometimes all on one day.

The size of the territory coming under the jurisdiction of Wyoming Lodge No. 2 before the granting of the dispensations to Wind River and Riverton lodges was as follows:

120 miles to the nearest lodge on the east, viz., Casper, 146 miles by stage.

130 miles to west line of the State.

100 miles to Green River, the nearest lodge south, 133 by stage.

60 miles to Thermopolis, nearest lodge north, 80 miles by stage.

Its jurisdiction included 12,000 square miles, and I have compared its territory to some of the eastern jurisdictions:

Its territory was 3,000 square miles larger than New Hampshire.

Its territory was 2,870 square miles larger than Vermont.

Its territory was 4,000 square miles larger than Massachusetts.

Its territory was 11,000 square miles larger than Rhode Island (12 times).

Its territory was 7,200 square miles larger than Connecticut.

Its territory was 4,500 square miles larger than New Jersey.

Its territory was 10,000 square miles larger than Delaware (6 times).

Its territory was 3,000 square miles larger than Maryland.

It was as large as Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined, with one-half of New Jersey thrown in.

Mount Moriah Lodge, at Green River, is to-day larger in size than Massachusetts; it is as large as Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined.

Encampment, the lodge having the smallest area under its jurisdiction of any other lodge in the State, still has more square miles than Rhode Island.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That no lodge within this jurisdiction shall hereafter receive a petition from or confer degrees upon any one engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors. * * *

Resolved, That hereafter all Secretaries of subordinate lodges shall be required to secure and issue certificates of good standing furnished by the Grand Secretary to members upon payment of dues.

The Grand Secretary reported on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1907.

M. P. Wheeler (Casper), G. M.

W. L. Kuydendall (Saratoga), G. S.

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Owing to the closing of this report a month earlier than usual, we are without a larger number of Proceedings than heretofore. Those not received are as follows: Ireland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, South Carolina and Utah.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman*.

COLLINGWOOD, May 1, 1909.

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